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Local pharmacy robbed

Cash, not drugs taken, say police

By Greta Cuyler

Unknown suspects broke into Letourneau's Pharmacy early Tuesday morning and escaped with the store's cash register containing about \$100, said local police.

Police responded to the pharmacy at 349 North Main St. at 3:10 a.m., after receiving a burglar activation alarm from a silent motion detector.

The suspects entered the pharmacy by smashing the front glass door, which faces North Main Street, said Lt. Phillip Froburg of the Andover Police Department.

Police discovered glass on the ground when they arrived at the scene, but found no additional property damage.

No one was in the pharmacy at the time.

Police believe there is more than one suspect involved in the break-in and they have leads, but Sgt. Harry Collins Jr. declined to elaborate.

There were no drugs stolen, said Froburg. When asked if there was a pharmacy surveillance tape, he declined to answer.

After setting up a perimeter around the scene, police discovered the pharmacy's cash-register tape on Union Street near Interstate 495 on the way to Lawrence.

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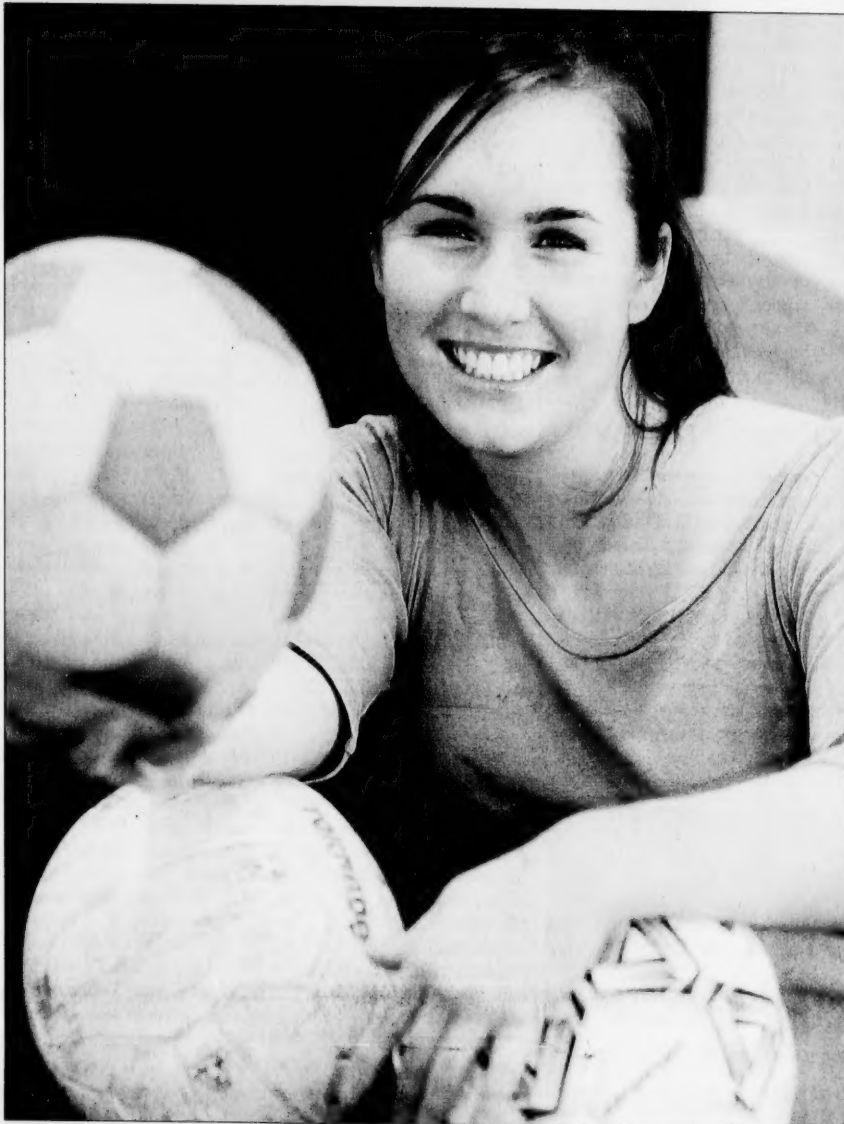
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SHE SHOTS, SHE SCORES



Seeing the poverty of South Africa first-hand launched 17-year-old student Megan Evans on a mission to send hundreds of soccer balls to kids there. She wants to collect 100 more balls.

Collect call for South Africa

By Greta Cuyler

Megan Evans has not played soccer in years.

But soccer balls are a priority for the 17-year-old Phillips Academy senior.

Last spring Evans and 25 classmates flew to South Africa to perform a play based on Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart* at the National Arts Festival in Grahamstown. Evans was the assistant

stage manager.

During the three-week visit to Cape Town, the students traveled to nearby Gugulethu Township.

It was there that the students encountered post-apartheid poverty, dirt roads dotted with cardboard shanties, families crowded together inside makeshift homes.

Evans said that walking into the still nearly all-black Gugulethu Township was an

adjustment for the East Coast prep school students.

"I've seen rural poverty in the US, but it's absolutely frightening to go somewhere where there weren't even houses," said the Connecticut native, referring to the developments built by the South African government to house blacks during apartheid.

Local children in Gugulethu

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'Unfit for human habitation'

BOH condemns home

By Greta Cuyler

Andover's Board of Health has condemned the house of a local home health aide.

Joanne Martel, assistant director of public health, said a home at 81 Bellevue Road has become only the second single-family home she can remember being condemned in Andover during the last eight years.

Usually, the health department investigates complaints from tenants against landlords. She said it is "very unusual" in Andover to have cases involving individual homeowners. Andover is investigating another case currently where the town found 17 violations of the public health code (see related story, page 5).

"We try to help and we try to offer options, but the bottom line is it has to be cleaned up."

JOANNE MARTEL,
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
ON INVESTIGATED HOMES

The Bellevue Road home was deemed unfit for human habitation after police discovered that the house had no heat, electricity or running water. The house was also infested with bugs and officials found rodent droppings.

Police discovered the conditions when they went to check on the home's resident, home health aide Martha Rice, 68, after she failed to show up for an appointment on Nov. 28.

Rice has lived in the house for three years.

Everett Penney, the town's former director of public health, sent a letter to Rice on Nov. 28, requesting that she contact the health department immediately.

There was no response and Rice failed to appear for a Board of Health hearing on Dec. 19.

On Dec. 28, Penney sent a certified letter to Rice, reading in part, "...the Andover Board of Health hereby finds that the above dwelling is unfit for human habitation and issues an order condemning the dwelling and orders the dwelling vacated."

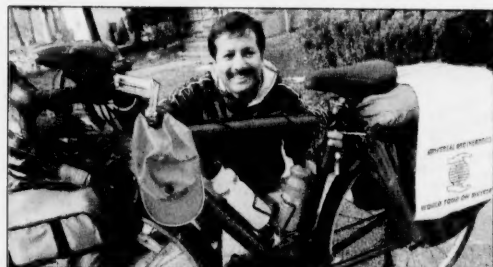
The letter, sent via certified mail, was not picked up by Rice. The health department plans to reissue the letter.

Andover Police, Elder Services and Health Department employees have all been trying to reach Rice since that date. Martel and Kristine Arakalian, a social worker at elder services, finally met with Rice on Jan. 9.

"I told her of the legal issues regarding the residence and that we need to have them resolved," said Martel. She and Arakalian are working with Rice to resolve the situation, she said.

As far as town officials can tell, Rice is no longer living in the house.

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Avijit Chakraborty wants to spread the message of universal brotherhood — while breaking a Guinness Book world record for cycling around the world.

Biking around the world — again!

By Neil Fater

Some things you only need to do once. For Avijit Chakraborty, biking around the world is not one of those things.

The resident of India, who visited Andover in 1999 during his first bike ride around the world, was back again last week, resting again for a couple of days with Ash and Parbati Brahma of Starr

Avenue West. He called the Andover couple out of the blue as he cycled through Massachusetts on his way to Canada.

Chakraborty is on his journey to promote the message of universal brotherhood and environmental stewardship. He also wants to break a 31-year-old world record by cycling through more than 58 countries and trav-

eling more than 55,000 kilometers in fewer than 20 months.

"I think he's a nut. It takes a certain kind of person," laughed Ash Brahma, who planned a small social so friends could talk with the admirable Chakraborty. "They are curious to meet him: 'What kind of person is this?'"

Chakraborty said this trip is different from his previous effort

in some ways. He is more experienced. Afghanistan is "more disciplined." More people are speaking English throughout Europe.

Oh, and one other thing is different this time — he's married with a child.

"When I proposed this, everyone was saying, 'Are you crazy?' riding around the world on a

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NEW FIELD

Parent gives \$1M to Phillips

By Anita Fritz

Soon there should be a lot fewer Phillips Academy soccer games canceled because of rain.

The private Andover school has received one of its largest gifts ever from a parent donor — \$1 million for the renovation of a soccer field his children once played on.

Stanley Smoyer of Princeton, N.J., whose two sons, David and William, attended Phillips Academy, graduating in 1959 and 1963, donated the money specifically for the renovation of the boys' varsity soccer field, which for years has had severe drainage problems that often render it unplayable.

A committee of teachers, coaches, facilities administrators and consultants have developed a three-phase Athletic Fields Master Plan and the Board of Trustees has approved the first phase, which includes renovating the soccer field.

The renovation is expected to cost \$1.25 million — the school will raise \$250,000 to add to Smoyer's gift. When renovation is complete, the field will be called Smoyer Family Field. It is currently referred to as the boys varsity soccer field.

Stephen Porter, director of

public information at Phillips, said the field will not be used for two growing seasons after the renovation is complete. During the renovation, beginning either this summer or next spring, the boys team will share time on the girls varsity soccer field.

"All of us at P.A. are extremely grateful for Mr. Smoyer's generosity," said Martha Fenton, director of academy athletics. "This gift jumpstarts the first phase of the athletics field project and addresses one of the biggest needs we have — to provide our boys soccer team with a quality playing field."

Smoyer, a retired corporate lawyer and former officer for Johnson & Johnson, has supported athletic programs at Phillips since 1965, including donating money to create the Smoyer Soccer Cup, awarded annually to a member of the soccer team for sportsmanship, effort and ability.

"People who participate in school sports always look back fondly on those experiences," Smoyer told the academy. "It's often the thing they remember most about their school years. So, I think it's important for those who've enjoyed sports to

be supportive of athletic programs."

David Smoyer, who lives in Jamaica Plain, said he and his brother always loved soccer.

"It meant a lot to my parents that we both attended and played at Andover," he said. "My dad is delighted to support P.A. and the soccer program in this way, and I'm equally happy to see him make the gift."

William Smoyer was killed in action while serving in Vietnam in 1968. He and his brother played varsity soccer for Phillips during the three years they were each there. Later they both played soccer for Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H.

The renovation, which will take several months to complete, will require all soil on the field and all subsurface material two to three feet deep to be removed and replaced. A new drainage system will be installed and a rubberized track surrounding the field will have to be protected during construction.

"It's our goal and dream to create the best natural grass field of any New England prep school," said Bill Scott, boys varsity soccer coach. "The Smoyer family gift will make this dream come true."

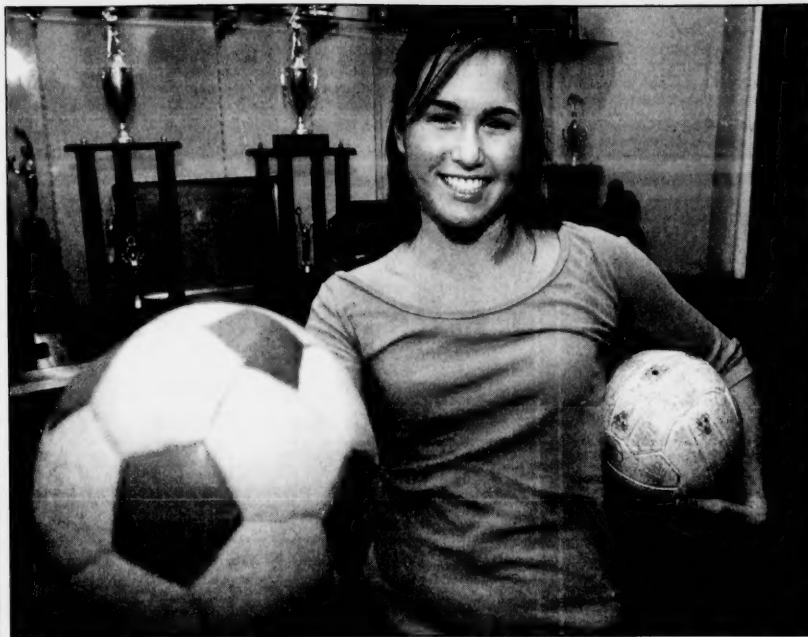


PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Megan Evans, a Phillips Academy student, has already collected 100 soccer balls to send to children in South Africa. But she is only at midfield in her pursuit.

Soccer goal: 200 balls

■ AFRICA

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kicked around soccer balls, seemingly oblivious to their surroundings, said Evans.

But the soccer balls the kids played with were completely deflated after only a few kicks.

"The kids took it, molded it into the shape of a ball and started kicking it," she said.

The image of the children with so little, who did not even have decent soccer balls to play with, made an impression on Evans.

"I just couldn't compartmentalize (the experience) that way and I didn't want to put it into a little corner of my mind," she said.

When she returned to Phillips, Evans began collecting soccer balls. She enlisted the help of family and friends and collected soccer balls already recycled through the Phillips varsity and junior varsity teams. She also collected balls in her hometown of Monroe, Conn.

She has collected 100 soccer balls so far and hopes to collect 100 more.

Evans has received a \$1,000

grant from the Abbot Foundation at Phillips. That should be enough to ship 200 soccer balls to South Africa, she estimates.

Gugulethu is off the beaten path for most tourists. It is the site of the 1993 murder of 26-year-old Fulbright Scholar Amy Biehl, who was murdered during the height of racial tensions.

Ntobeko Peni was one of the four black men jailed for Biehl's murder, but later released as part of South Africa's reconciliation program aimed at granting amnesty to those who committed politically motivated crimes during apartheid.

Peni now runs the Biehl Foundation, set up by Amy Biehl's parents to improve conditions and reduce violence in Gugulethu Township. One of Evans' classmates at Phillips has ties with the Biehl foundation and arranged for the students to visit Gugulethu when they needed to find drummers for their theater production.

"It's kind of a creepy thing to think about, but he's a really cool guy," said Evans of Peni. "They begin to feel systematically so oppressed by the system

they want to lash out. You begin to understand the violence they were oppressed by."

Peni has offered to help Evans with her project, agreeing to funnel the soccer balls to an after-school program that will distribute the balls to local secondary schools.

In addition to her soccer ball project, Evans is also managing editor of the *Phillipian*, the school's weekly newspaper. She is involved in chorus and Model UN, and is a pen pal with students at South Lawrence East Elementary School.

She was accepted early admission into Georgetown University's school of foreign service and is waiting to hear from two Ivy League schools.

Residents who would like to donate a soccer ball or donate to shipping costs, can email Evans at mevans@andover.edu.

Red carpet treatment for Special Olympic athlete

Denise Carriere of Andover, a Special Olympics Massachusetts athlete, was one of the featured celebrities during last month's unique premier of *The Ringer* at Showcase Cinema in Woburn. The Special Olympics athletes arrived in limousines and walked down a red carpet under a large banner with a spotlight shining overhead, according to the organization.

"Special Olympics Massachusetts works to change the world every day by changing perceptions about individuals with intellectual disabilities," said Special Olympics Massachusetts President and CEO Robert Johnson in a release.

"*The Ringer* presents the opportunity to reach out to an audience who may have misconceptions about individuals with intellectual disabilities, by using humor, and show them that these individuals can do more than they cannot do and are far more like us than unlike us.

"It is also important to remember this is a movie...not reality," he said.

The potentially controversial movie is a Farrelly Brother's film starring Johnny Knoxville as a desperate man who attempts to fix a Special Olympics competition by pretending to be a person with an intellectual disability.

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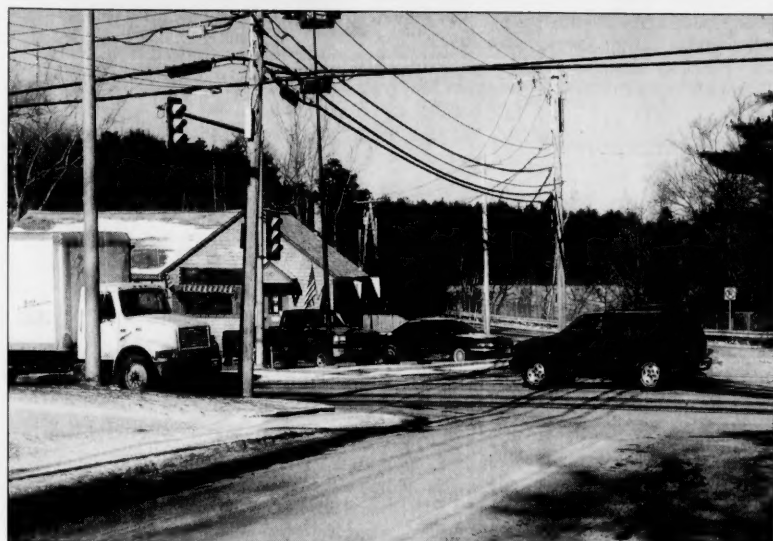
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PAST AND PRESENT



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The top photo shows a railroad crossing near the intersection of Haggetts Pond Road and Lowell Street in West Andover. The bottom photo shows that intersection today. Residents who have an older photo for this "Past and Present" feature are invited to stop by the paper or send the photo and information to the *Andover Townsman* at 33 Chestnut St.

Further tests for High Street snow dump

Soil and water tests will be done to determine whether dangerous chemicals may have been buried in a former municipal dump more than 50 years ago.

The town has been investigating its 3.1-acre snow dump at 134 High St. since last summer, when at least three residents reported a high incidence of cancer in neighborhoods around the site.

"It's worth testing to see if there's a problem," Stephen Loring, a Board of Health member, said.

After learning that the site was once used as a municipal dump that was capped with 25 feet of soil, the town last fall hired Woodard & Curran Inc. of Andover to do a site assessment to determine if further tests were warranted. The site is now used to pile snow, debris from street sweeping and soil from a town-wide sewer project.

— Anita Fritz

Idea to improve town? Deadline is tomorrow

Town Meeting may not be for three more months, but residents only have until tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 20 to file a private article for residents to debate and vote on at Town Meeting.

For a private warrant article to appear on the Annual Town Meeting warrant, a petitioner must acquire 10 signatures of registered voters in the town.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held April 24 and 25 and May 1 and 2 if necessary.

Residents who need more information on the filing of a private warrant article for the Annual Town Meeting should contact the town clerk's office at 978-623-8258.

Quote, unquote . . .

THE GIFT JUMP STARTS the first phase of the athletic project...to provide our boys soccer team with a quality playing field.

— Martha Fenton, director of athletics at Phillips Academy, talking about a \$1 million donation to her school. (Story in News, page 2)

HE HASN'T FIGURED OUT that the war is over because he still gets dressed up in his uniform ... to recreate the battles his ancestors fought.

— Town Counsel Tom Urbelis talking about former Planning Director Steve Colyer and his love of the Civil War, at a farewell bash. (Story in Townspeople, page 7)

News Calendar

Meetings posted by the town as of Thursday, Jan. 12:

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, Assessors conference room, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 13

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

Planning Board, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 16

Andover Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 23

Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Cultural Council, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 25

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, assessors conference room, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 26

Disability Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.

Think you can run the town better?

People interested in running for office this year have a few more weeks left to collect signatures.

The Annual Town Election will take place on Tuesday, March 28.

Elected offices on the ballot are the following:

- Moderator, one position for one year
- Selectman, two positions for three years each
- School Committee member, two positions for three years each
- Andover Housing Authority, one position for five years
- Greater Lawrence

Regional Vocational High School, one position for three years

• Punchard Free School Trustees, five positions for three years each

The last day to submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars to be nominated on the ballot is Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 5 p.m. In order to appear on the ballot, a candidate must acquire 50 signatures of registered voters in the town.

Residents interested in running for office should contact Randy Hanson, town clerk, at 978-623-8258.

Countrywide party at elders' communities

What will thousands of senior citizens be doing at Marland Place and in similar elder communities across the country on Jan. 27? Having a party.

Retirement and assisted living facilities in 28 states that are part of Atria Senior Living Group will host parties with musical entertainment, guest appearances and a champagne toast at 4 p.m.

Locally, the party is on Jan. 27 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover.

"What better way to show appreciation and build bridges then to join together on one day at one time for one huge party?" said Tracey Meech, Marland Place's social program director, in a release.

Special forum: Save on heating costs

Andover's legislators are inviting residents to attend an energy forum, "Conquering the Cold," at the Andover Senior Center on Friday, Jan. 27 at 9:30 a.m. This forum will provide information on how to save money on heating the home this winter.

The forum is organized by Sen. Sue Tucker (D-Andover) and Reps. Barbara A. L'Italien and Barry R. Finegold.

As the coldest months approach, keeping energy costs down is a top priority for home owners and also for the state legislature, according to a release from Tucker and L'Italien.

"Legislative offices receive

calls every day about the skyrocketing costs of heat, electricity and water that many of our citizens are facing," it says. "This forum will include comments from leaders of the energy and business sectors and legislators as they provide important cold relief and prevention information. The hope is that this event will provide constituents with cost-saving techniques that can be used to meet energy needs."

Contact L'Italien's office at 617-722-2080, Finegold's office at 617-722-2676 or Tucker's office at 617-722-1612 for any additional information or questions.

Town manager's breakfast this Friday

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's Government Affairs Committee will present "The Annual Merrimack Valley Mayors and Town Managers Breakfast" on Friday, Jan. 20, from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. at the Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St. Andover Town Manager Buzz Staczynski is one of the confirmed speakers.

Cholesterol check

The Andover Board of Health is holding a cholesterol screening clinic on Wednesday, Jan. 25, from 9 a.m. until noon. An appointment is necessary. The clinic is for Andover residents only. The simple finger-stick test costs \$5 and does not require fasting. For an appointment, call the health department at 978-623-8295.

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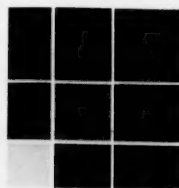
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Youth center telethon postponed this year

By Anita Fritz

A February telethon intended to raise money for a youth center has been postponed, and the coordinator of the fundraising campaign said skepticism about the future of the youth center is making it harder to find new donors.

The Andover Youth Foundation announced last month that it was delaying plans to break ground for the youth center in June because of concerns that the site may be contaminated.

Sheila Stone, chairwoman of youth foundation's Unrestricted Funds Committee and its event coordinator, said the decision to delay the groundbreaking prompted postponement of the "Raising the Roof" telethon. The event aimed to raise \$250,000 toward the \$3 million cost of the 15,000-square-foot youth center planned for town-owned property on Ledge Road.

"Obviously, the decision to put the plans on hold has been extremely disappointing for some of us; that's what prompted us to postpone the February telethon until the fall," Stone said.

Stone said she has talked with many people in Andover who are skeptical about a youth center ever being built.

"It's my job to keep the youth center project visible," Stone said. "I try to convert people who aren't necessarily supportive of the project and since it was announced that things are on hold, I constantly have people telling me it's hard for them to believe it will ever happen. People won't financially support a project they don't think will happen."

Larry Larsen, president of the youth foundation's executive board, said he remains confident the youth center will be built but acknowledged that the decision to postpone the

groundbreaking caused dissension on the board.

"Not all board members agree that we should put things on hold," Larsen said. "But some of us want to err on the side of caution," he said.

The source of the concern is the former landfill across the street from the site of the youth center, where organizers hoped to build athletic fields for youth center use.

"We need to hear from the town before we move ahead on that (landfill) site," Larsen said. "We need to know what the town's plans and commitments are to that site."

The former landfill has been tested for toxins and safety, and town officials plan to cap it over the next five years. The officials say it will be safe to build ball fields there.

Larsen isn't convinced. He said some members are also concerned that even if the site is found to be safe, ball fields won't be built fast enough for the youth center.

"We want these kids to have a real home with playing fields," he said.

"We want them to have everything they need at the site we chose."

The foundation has considered looking at other town-owned land. Larsen said he understands the doubts caused by the delay in the groundbreaking date. But he does not share them.

"I'm a very patient man, and I'll work on this for as long as it takes," he said.

Larsen is also confident about meeting fundraising goals.

The foundation has \$2 million in the bank and another \$1 million to \$1.5 million in pledges and commitments, he said.

"Our primary donors are very committed," Larsen said.

Most town races uncontested so far

All but one of the town officials eligible for reelection will seek to return to their posts again next year.

Ronald Hajj, the chairman of the Andover Housing Authority, has decided not to seek re-election, according to Town Clerk Randall Hansen. Hajj did not return a phone call by *Townsmen* deadline.

The only race that looks as if it will be contested so far is the race for Town Meeting moderator, where Christopher Haynes, of Brady Loop, says he will challenge longtime moderator Jim Doherty (see story on page 5).

Selectmen Brian Major and Ted Teichert are, so far, running unopposed for reelection to the Board of Selectmen.

Teichert, the board's current chairman,

said he wants residents to be able to afford to stay in Andover and for others to afford to move here.

"Maybe you have to cut back on some things and still improve on some areas as well," he said.

When asked what cuts he would support, Teichert replied, "That's the million dollar question. You can't wipe out a certain department. All town departments are important for the town to run as a whole. They're all just as important as another."

As for Major, he says he just loves the job of being selectman.

"I love the opportunity to serve the citizens of Andover," he said.

Of particular interest to him are the financial aspects of the position. To that end,

he is particularly proud of the board's monthly major project report, which shows the status of each significant project in town. He said he also values the three-year budget review and the continual priority ranking of town capital improvement projects.

Art Barber and Tony James are running for reelection to the School Committee.

Kenneth Hamilton is running for reelection to the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee.

Each candidate must collect 50 resident signatures and return the papers to the Town Clerk's office by Feb. 7.

— Greta Culyer

Objective: World peace, world record

WORLD CYCLIST

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bicycle after getting married!" said Chakraborty. "I have told them, 'If my wife has agreed, then I can get around the world on a bicycle.'"

His wife, Arundhati, a teacher, "was very angry" at first, but after a while she relented. "She said, 'Please take care and come within the time,' and I said, 'I'll come before the time.' I miss them (his wife and 4-year-old daughter, Ahana) a lot and I keep in contact on the telephone," he said. "They are counting down the days over there."

That Chakraborty, 34, is making the trip at all is a sign of how important he believes his message is. He has spoken at dozens of schools around the world, and meets new people every day.

It's clear he believes people can treat each other as one family. He recalled an incident when he was travelling between West Palm Beach and Orlando, Fla. (After cycling through the Middle East and Europe, he flew to

Miami to begin the circular leg of his journey through North and South America.)

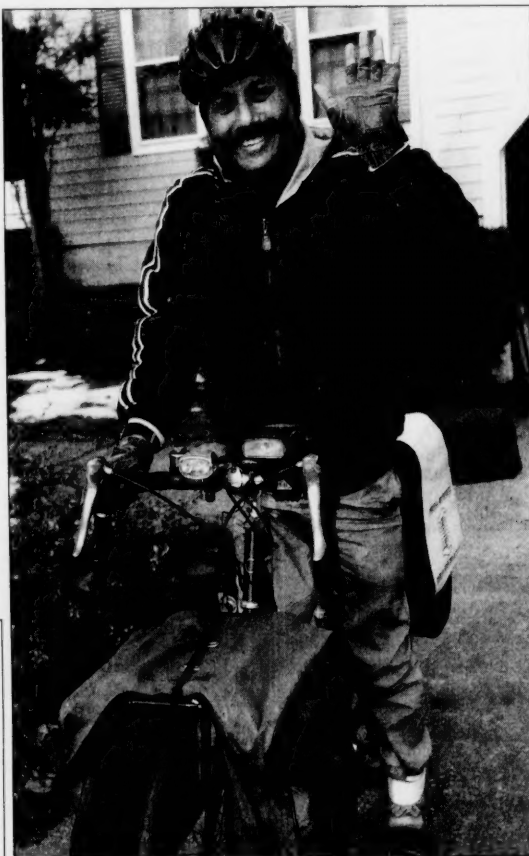
In Florida, some people stopped him and began rummaging through the bags he keeps on his bike. They asked him what he was doing, and he told them. In the end, they followed him to a fast-food restaurant. Once the people left the restaurant, other diners asked him who they were and said he was lucky they had not harmed him.

"I don't know what intentions they had. Once they knew I was on a cycle for eight months, there was no problem," he said. "They gave me a burger and a coke. They paid the bill."

"To keep our good world from any kind of bad pollution — pollution means not only the dust, but bad intentions — we need only a little bit of change. We must try to make affection for each other. This is called the universal brotherhood."

Later, he added, "In my experience, (the number of) good people is large and bad people, microscopic."

Countries that Chakraborty will visit after traveling across the United States and Canada are Mexico, Cuba (with a boat ride to and from), Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname, Ecuador, Bolivia, Paraguay, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, South Africa (after a plane trip), Zimbabwe, Zambia, Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt, Jordan (after a boat ride), and (after plane trips) New Zealand, Australia, Japan, China and Vietnam. He'll then return to India and his wife and daughter.



Avijit Chakraborty cycles about 65 to 70 miles each day, through all kinds of conditions — from the heat of the Iranian sands to the cold mountains of North America.

Chakraborty's 24-speed bike (an upgrade from the 10-speed he used during his last journey) is equipped with a radio, horn, headlights, speedometer, compass, tool box, tire pump, three water bottles and a tent. He shared the tent one night in Copenhagen with a man who was using a skatewheel to travel around the world. What did they talk about? "How many more days there were to be completed," said Chakraborty with a smile.



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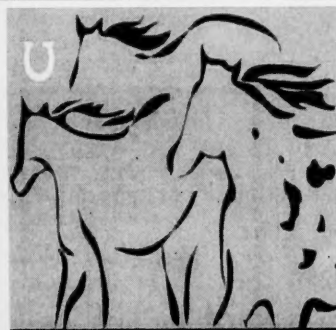
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Home condemned by health department

■ **CONDEMNED HOME**
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An attempt to reach Rice for comment was unsuccessful because her phone number is not published, and it does not appear anyone is living in her home.

In a worst case scenario, the town could put a lien on both homes under investigation, but Martel said that's unlikely.

"As long as we can see that progress is being made and there are not issues, it's counterproductive not to be flexible. We try to help and we try to offer options, but the bottom line is it has to be cleaned up," she said.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

A home at 81 Bellevue Road has been deemed "unfit for human habitation," a rare decision in Andover.

SEPARATE CASE

Family, town working to resolve home violations

By Greta Cuyler

The Board of Health is also investigating conditions at 69 North St., and says family members are helping the man who lives there to correct the problems.

The board became involved when a social worker for the resident there, Bernard Levesque, 62, became concerned and contacted the health department in December.

A Dec. 15 health inspection revealed 17 violations of the state housing code.

Photographs from that inspection showed dirty and potentially unsafe living conditions, such as trash and debris lining the stairs, and a furnace surrounded by stacks of books, boxes and bags.

The house does have heat and electricity. In this case, the owners of the property, Bernard Levesque and his brother Arthur Levesque of Rochdale, Mass., showed up to a public hearing on Dec. 19. They pledged to make a good faith effort to clean up the house, particularly getting rid of trash and removing flammable materials from around the furnace.

A follow-up inspection on Jan. 11 showed that the trash has been removed from the house and there is much less debris around the house.

There are now 15 violations of the state housing code.

"Things did get out of hand," said Arthur

Levesque. The house has been in his family since his father purchased it in 1941. He said efforts by himself and other family members have resulted in "significant progress" over the past few weeks. He plans to eventually sell the house.

Bernard Levesque is no longer living there. "They've come forward and addressed the situation. They've shown a good faith effort working with us and that's what we expect at this point. From our perspective, we're committed to following through and having a good outcome," said Martel.

The town has also offered financial assistance in the form of grants from local non-profit agencies, said Martel.

MODERATOR

Race: Who will lead Town Meeting?

By Greta Cuyler

A man who squabbled with Town Meeting Moderator Jim Doherty during last fall's Special Town Meeting has decided to challenge the incumbent in the upcoming March election.

"Mr. Doherty is starting to use the position of moderator for voicing his own opinions and the moderator is not to be doing that. He should be apolitical. Mr. Doherty is no longer being apolitical," claimed challenger Christopher Haynes.

The two men verbally sparred at the last fall's Special Town Meeting when voters convened for a second time to decide the fate of a proposed senior center. At that time, Haynes stood up and called the Special Town Meeting an abuse of the Town Meeting process, because the issue had already been decided by voters the previous spring. "It is a corruption of the integrity of Town Meeting," he said at the time.

His outburst prompted Doherty to respond that the Special Town Meeting had been called by voters and was no different than any other. When Haynes attempted to speak again, Doherty slammed down his gavel, charging that Haynes

had interrupted him.

He then suggested that Haynes come see him later so that Doherty could "educate (him) a little bit on the history of the town."

Haynes took out papers to run for moderator shortly after, in early October.

"I think (Mr. Doherty's) passion is there, but with all good things, there comes a time for change," he said.

At 61 years old, Haynes still

has one concern. "I hope Mr. Doherty does not hold my youth against me," he said.

Haynes has lived in Andover since 1978, the same year that Doherty was elected Town Meeting moderator for the first time. Doherty has held the position ever since.

At 90 years old, Doherty said he has not thought about giving up his role.

"I decide every year around Thanksgiving time if I'll run and

if I feel as well as I feel now, I take out nomination papers and let whatever happens, happen," he said.

He does not fear competition and recently went to the funeral of John Doyle, a man who ran against Doherty unsuccessfully for a decade.

Doherty says he is still passionate about the Town Meeting process. "It's the finest form of government that's ever been put on earth," he said.

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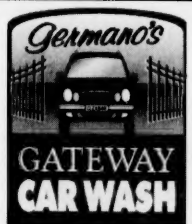
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BUDGET BRAINSTORMING

Three options coming

By Greta Cuyler

Free curbside trash pickup may someday be just a fond memory in Andover. Residents might have to haul their trash to a local transfer station or hire a private contractor to take it away.

That was one of many ideas suggested by frustrated town officials wrangling with the 2007 town budget on Tuesday night. The most recent projections show a \$3 million deficit between this year and next, assuming a continuation of the same programs, services and number of employees.

"We simply don't have the revenue for the level of services we provide across the school and town," said School Committee member Tony James at a Tuesday night budget meeting with the School Committee, Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen.

Utility and solid waste costs are the main reasons for the increase in expenses.

"We've created a good part of this problem for ourselves," said Joanne Marden, Finance Committee chairwoman.

For example, Andover only budgeted for nine months of trash pickup and disposal last year. That means that fees for the remaining three months of

the year, a cost of approximately \$300,000, need to be paid this year.

Residents have seen more than a 35-percent increase in property taxes over the past several years and town officials are concerned about adding to that tax burden.

In response to mounting concerns about providing adequate services for residents, Town Manager Buzz Stapezynski will likely present three budgets to town officials on Feb. 3.

The first version will cap expenditures at their current amounts (likely to reflect cuts to current programs and services). The second model will show how much it will cost to continue services that are in place today (currently a \$3 million deficit). The third budget would show the cost to restore programs, services and employees lost over the past four years.

Officials are still hopeful that a recently announced increase in state aid might alleviate some of the pressure. On Jan. 13, Governor Mitt Romney announced that an additional \$197.9 million would be available to cities and towns for fiscal year 2007, increasing funding above the "pre-fiscal-crisis levels of 2001."

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Jan. 11 - At 12:08 p.m., Shawn P. Ledoux, 19, of 80 Acton Street, Lowell, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance. He was released on his own recognizance.

At 12:32 p.m., Thomas J. Whalen, 18, of 189 Littleton Road, Apartment 25, Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with failing to wear a seat belt, having no inspection sticker and a revoked license for a driving-under-the-influence conviction, and possessing a Class D substance. He was released on his own recognizance.

Thursday, Jan. 12 - At 4:48 p.m., Scott A. Martin, 20, of 108 Ashland Ave., Methuen, was arrested and charged with driving an uninsured motor vehicle or trailer and driving an unregistered motor vehicle. He also had outstanding warrants for a number-plate violation, driving an uninsured motor vehicle and driving an unregistered motor vehicle.

Friday, Jan. 13 - At 11:56 a.m., Pedro M. Cano, 36, of 45 Oak Terrace, Apartment 1, Haverhill, was arrested and held for court arraignment. He had outstanding warrants for a marked lanes violation and for leaving the scene of property damage.

Sunday, Jan. 15 - At 4:06 a.m., James J. Harkins V, 23, of 32 Maynard Ave., Bradford, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household mem-

ber.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 11 - At 2:18 p.m., a resident called to report finding a large white/blond dog with no tags. The dog was taken to Andover Animal Hospital.

At 2:41 p.m., a resident called to report that a sick raccoon was up a tree near her house, growling if anyone approached. An officer responded but said the raccoon was too far up in the tree. The homeowner was to keep an eye on it and call if it came down. The resident called back later, but the officer could find no sign of the raccoon when he arrived.

Thursday, Jan. 12 - At 1:59 a.m., a Juniper Road resident reported that while the power was out in the neighborhood, the caller noticed people with flashlights outside the house across the street. The people eventually entered the house, but the caller was unsure if the people were the residents. An officer reported that the owners of the house had gone outside to look for their dog.

At 7:18 a.m., police assisted the fire-department ambulance with a 45-year-old female who cut her wrists in an attempted suicide. The woman was transported to Lawrence General Hospital.

At 7:43 a.m., a resident on Lansbury Lane reported a suspicious car had been parked in front of his home for the last 30 minutes. An officer reported that the subject is a private investigator.

At 10:50 a.m., a resident reported that she had a squirrel in her living room and she could not get it out. An animal-control officer removed the squirrel.

At 2:10 p.m., a resident reported that someone had put feces in her mailbox.

At 10:43 p.m., a resident reported that she believes someone has been tampering with her food and she got sick from eating for it for the third time last night.

She told police she believes she knows who is doing it.

Friday, Jan. 13 - At 11:02 a.m., Limoges Antiques reported a cat in the store that was under a cabinet and did not want to come out. An animal-control officer was able to remove the cat.

At 11:46 a.m., a resident called to report she was receiving threatening phone calls which she believes are from her husband.

At 1:10 p.m., a resident reported that she paid for an item at a North Main Street jewelry store, but she never got it and she cannot get her money back.

At 4:38 p.m., an employee from Dunkin' Donuts on Main Street reported that she terminated an employee. The employee just called and threatened her life.

Saturday, Jan. 14 - At 10:10 a.m., a Lewis Street resident reported that a tan SUV, possibly a Mercedes, stopped in front of his house and threw a bag of trash into the street. An officer reported that it was a Dunkin' Donuts bag.

At 12:14 p.m., a Lansbury Lane resident reported a sink hole in front of his house that is approximately one or two feet wide and eight inches deep. The town water department was notified.

Sunday, Jan. 15 - At 10:21 p.m., a patron at the Spring Hill Suites reported that a hockey team staying at the hotel had been having a party in the hallway for the last hour and half and the caller could not sleep. The person has called the manager of the hotel twice but said the hotel did not seem to be doing anything about it. An officer spoke with the chaplaine and all the kids have returned to their rooms.

Monday, Jan. 16 - At 7:07 a.m., a child was bitten on the lip by a dog and transported to Lawrence General Hospital.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 - At 7:02 p.m., a resident reported that she has a "No Trespassing" sign in her

yard and her neighbor has tampered with it.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 11 - At 6:15 p.m., police received a report of two males walking around a parking lot on Lowell Street and looking into vehicles. One subject was described as wearing a hood. An officer spoke with the individuals and took down their information.

Friday, Jan. 13 - At 3:41 p.m., police received a report from a woman who locked her 11-month-old baby in her car in the back lot of CVS. An officer reported that Elm Street Auto was able to get entry into the vehicle for her.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Jan. 11 - At 1:30 p.m., a resident reported a credit card fraud.

Thursday, Jan. 12 - At 8:33 a.m., police were notified that approximately \$500 worth of copper wire was stolen from a location on Lowell Street.

At 1:33 p.m., police were notified that equipment (eight Veritek controls) was stolen from Brickstone Square last week.

At 6:56 p.m., police received a report of a stolen wallet.

Monday, Jan. 16 - At 10:48 a.m., police were notified that seven or eight reels of wire were stolen from a location on Lowell Street.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 - At 7:58 a.m., police received a report that spools of wire were stolen from a Lowell Street location.

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Boys fight over bike

A scuffle over a bicycle in the Park last Friday afternoon left at least two middle-schoolers with bloody noses.

A group of kids was walking through the Park around 2 p.m. and saw an unattended bicycle, according to local police. One of the kids, a 13-year-old boy, jumped on the bicycle and started to ride it. He only got about 10 feet before another boy, also 13, tackled him and started a fight, said police.

Then the owner of the bicycle, another 13-year-old, joined in the fight. The boy on the bicycle swung back and landed one strike, said police.

Police arrived on the scene at 2:56 p.m. and questioned the boys. The boy who jumped on the bicycle said he was only joking around. An officer drove him home and had a discussion with his parents.

All three boys are Andover residents, said police. It appears that the owner of the bike and his friend knew the other boy.

- Greta Cuyler

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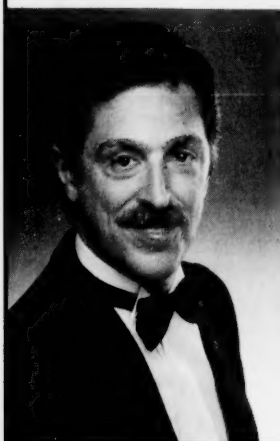
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INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 11 - At 2:18 p.m., a resident called to report finding a large white/blond dog with no tags. The dog was taken to Andover Animal Hospital.

At 2:41 p.m., a resident called to report that a sick raccoon was up a tree near her house, growling if anyone approached. An officer responded but said the raccoon was too far up in the tree. The homeowner was to keep an eye on it and call if it came down. The resident called back later, but the officer could find no sign of the raccoon when he arrived.

Thursday, Jan. 12 - At 1:59 a.m., a Juniper Road resident reported that while the power was out in the neighborhood, the caller noticed people with flashlights outside the house across the street. The people eventually entered the house, but the caller was unsure if the people were the residents. An officer reported that the owners of the house had gone outside to look for their dog.

At 7:18 a.m., police assisted the fire-department ambulance with a 45-year-old female who cut her wrists in an attempted suicide. The woman was transported to Lawrence General Hospital.

At 7:43 a.m., a resident on Lansbury Lane reported a suspicious car had been parked in front of his home for the last 30 minutes. An officer reported that the subject is a private investigator.

At 10:50 a.m., a resident reported that she had a squirrel in her living room and she could not get it out. An animal-control officer removed the squirrel.

At 2:10 p.m., a resident reported that someone had put feces in her mailbox.

At 10:43 p.m., a resident reported that she believes someone has been tampering with her food and she got sick from eating for it for the third time last night.

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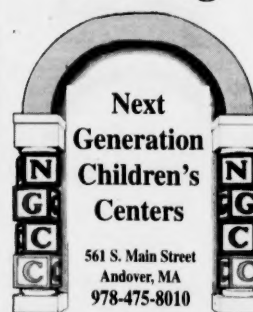
Joseph Murphy turned 1 on December 27. He is the son of Stacey and Tom Murphy of Andover. Grandparents are Bill and Anne Murphy of Woburn, Marilyn Trebach of Salisbury, and Malcolm and Charlene Trebach of Tyngsboro. Joseph is a very happy boy who loves spending time with all of his aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and his dog, Bailey!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The late-night supper: A feast that defies the clock

MY MOTHER USED TO TELL ME a "complete meal" contained a protein, a vegetable and a starch. She also reinforced the idea of never skipping a meal. When I got my first job at Chicago Public Television, regularly scheduled and complete meals largely disappeared. Oftentimes I'd get back to my apartment at 9 or 10 at night, inordinately hungry, having eaten little or no food since breakfast.



Terry Kay Bargar

At that hour of the evening I'd try to consume something healthy, food that fit my mother's version of the food pyramid, and still would be on the table in just a few minutes. On my pauper's salary I could afford eggs and boxed spaghetti, so... Bingo! I'd whip up an unconventional yet tasty pasta omelette. *Delizioso!* With a splash of jarred marinara sauce and a sprinkle of Parmesan cheese, the meal was complete. My mother would have been so proud of her daughter, the omelette princess.

I'm not the only person who appreciates a good omelette. Folks down in Abbeville, La. celebrate omelettes every November at their giant omelette festival. Here's their recipe:

5000 small eggs
50 pounds medium onion, chopped
75 green bell peppers, finely chopped
1½ gallons pure vegetable oil
52 pounds butter
6½ gallons milk
4 gallons chopped green onion tops
2 gallons finely chopped fresh parsley
Tabasco pepper sauce (season to taste)
Crawfish tails

1. Sauté onions, green peppers in oil until tender. Drain excess oil and set aside. In 12-foot skillet, melt butter. Add sautéed vegetables and stir with 8 foot oak paddles. Combine eggs with milk, Tabasco pepper sauce, and green onion tops.

2. Pour egg mixture into skillet with melted butter. Stir gently as eggs begin to thicken. Add some garlic sauce. Top with parsley.

3. For extra flavor, top with sautéed crawfish tails. Serve Cajun omelette with French bread.

— Reprinted from www.giantomelette.org

Frankly, I tried converting this recipe for one serving, but math never was my strong suit. Fortunately, I've got some easier ideas for small omelettes.

Generally I create bizarre "fillings" with leftovers from the refrigerator, such as red beans and rice, balsamic vinegar roasted vegetables, or a single lonely surplus shrimp and cocktail sauce. But when I'm willing to commit 20 minutes to cooking, anything is possible. Keeping in mind my mother's advice (protein, vegetable and starch) I've created a substantial and somewhat unique recipe I'm sure you're going to enjoy.

Fully Loaded Baked Potato Omelette

Makes a single serving

I've updated my original pasta omelette, replacing the spaghetti and sauce with a baked potato and all the fixings. Still fast, still enticing, and 30 years later still perfect for a late night supper.

- One small Russet or other baking potato (THE STARCH)
- Two slices bacon (I use turkey bacon, but real bacon is OK, too) (THE PROTEIN)
- 2 spears of fresh broccoli, cut into small pieces (THE VEGETABLE)
- 2 large eggs (may use one-half cup liquid egg substitute) (ANOTHER PROTEIN)
- 1 Tablespoon milk or fat-free half-and-half
- 1or 2 pinches of salt
- 1or 2 grinds of fresh black pepper
- One ounce shredded cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese (reduced-fat works great and is my lower-cal preference)
- A dollop of sour cream (keeping with my effort to reduce calories, I tend to use lowfat or fat-free sour cream, but the choice is yours)

1. Scrub the potato under cold water to remove any dirt residue. Prick the potato with a fork or a paring knife three or four times (to prevent the potato from exploding in the microwave). Place potato on a paper towel and put into a microwave oven. If the oven has an automatic setting then use it; otherwise, cook on high power for about 6 to 8 minutes or until the potato is soft to the touch. Let the potato sit for a few minutes, then slice it open and scoop out the flesh. Mash the potato slightly with a fork and add a pinch of salt and a grind of black pepper. You also may add a splash of

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ON THE SCENE

250 turn out to roast, salute Colyer and Penney for 47 years in town government

Confederate hat will match Colyer's flag; pig mask will remind Penney of farm issues

By Judy Wakefield

SOME 250 GUESTS TURNED OUT for last Thursday's tribute roast and dinner for two top town administrators who worked a combined 47 years before retiring earlier this month.

Former Health Director Everett Penney, 61, said he plans to spend more time with his seven grandchildren while working part-time as a pharmacist for St.



Judy Wakefield

Joseph's Hospital in Nashua, N.H. He was back in town wearing a suit and tie on Tuesday as he won a national award from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Part-time consulting work is also on former Planning Director Steve Colyer's agenda, although he has nothing lined up just yet. He's taking it easy for a while as he gets used to his new home in Tennessee.

In a conversation before the party, he said he has been living in a downtown apartment for the past few months as his former house on Argilla Road was sold this past summer. His wife, Joyce, relocated to Tennessee after the sale. The couple's son is a freshman at the University of Tennessee.

The long-distance marriage was wearing thin for Colyer, 60, and his packed moving truck pulled out of Andover on Jan. 7 — just a day after his last day of work. Andover's January temperatures were also wearing out their welcome with Colyer.

"I will not miss the weather, that's for sure," said Colyer, who was the town's planning director for 21 years. He flew back from Tennessee with his wife to make the party, which was held at the Wyndham in Andover.

The Confederate flag that once hung in his Andover office now has a matching hat as town counsel Tom Urbelis presented that gift to Colyer at the party. Roasting time had Urbelis pointing out that Colyer is a reader of books about the "War of Northern Aggression."

"He hasn't figured out that the war is over because he still gets dressed up in his uniform... to recreate the battles his ancestors fought," Urbelis said.

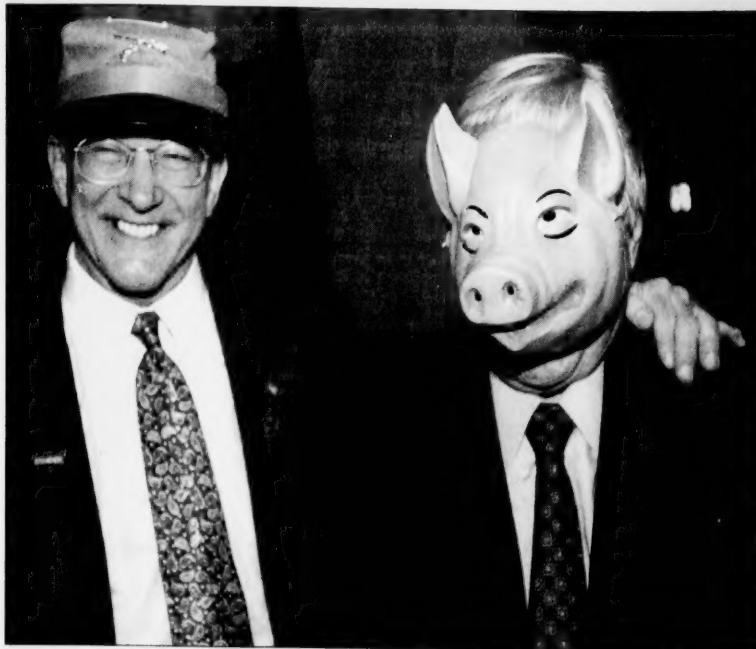
Comedian Jeff Foxworthy's *You Might Be a Redneck* also was performed. For his part, Penney was forced to model a new pig mask gift from Urbelis, who said the former health director knew a lot about farming.

The town's battles over health issues with a West Andover farm are well-known.

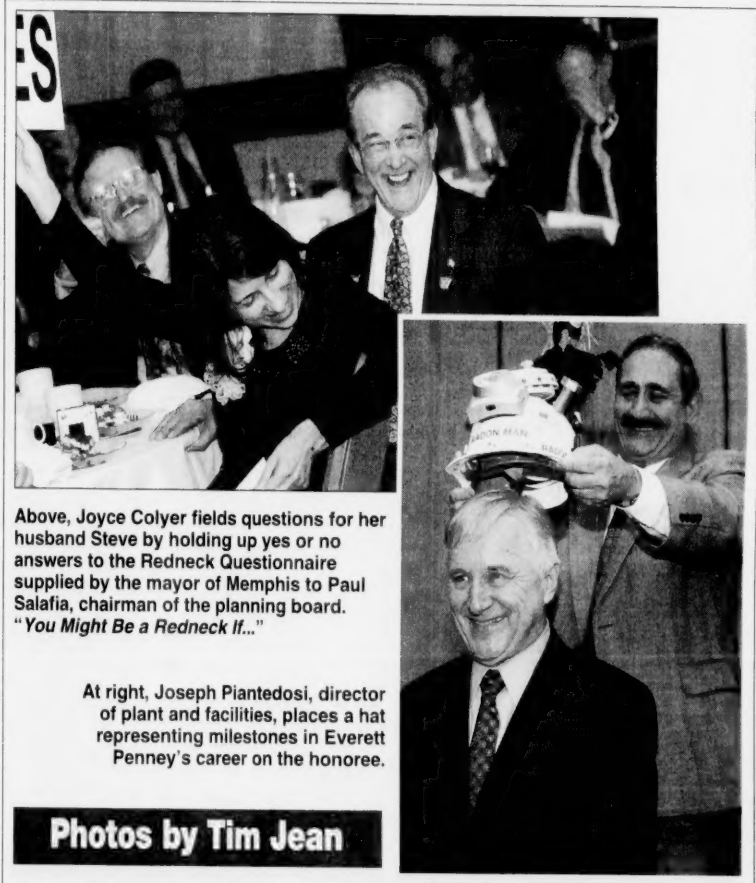
Party organizer Mary Ann Whittingham, the office administrator for the 24 workers in the town's Community Development and Planning office, said the guest list was a cross-section of family members and people who had worked with both Colyer and Penney.

"It wasn't a surprise party because I had to book the date," she said. "But, they thought it would be something simple. I think they were really surprised by how many people turned out."

EDITOR'S NOTE: The guests of honor and other attendees talked about the party in telephone interviews. Jason G. Howe contributed to this story.



Some friendly, good natured ribbin' — Former Planning Director Steve Colyer (left) was tweaked by town counsel Tom Urbelis (not in photo) for his devotion to the losing side in the Civil War, while former Health Director Everett Penney (at right), received a face mask from Urbelis commemorating his battles with a pig farm in West Andover.



Photos by Tim Jean



Honoree Everett Penney's daughters each shared some anecdotes about their father. From left are Kelly Donovan, Penney, Holly Pare and Kristie Volante at the party.

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FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center. Call the senior center at 978-623-8321 for further information about any classes, programs or services.

Winter Reminder: If you're in doubt about possible weather-related cancellations, call the information line for a recorded message about the day's events at 978-623-8377. For all other questions, call the main number at 978-623-8321.

Exercise Classes: If your new year's resolution includes getting more exercise, be sure and check out our winter offerings. The winter semester of exercise class, just getting underway, will run through Feb. 24. Classes are being offered in Tai Chi, women's strength training, low-impact aerobics, modified beginner and intermediate yoga, men's exercise, beginner and intermediate tap dancing, cardio circuit training, easy exercise and water workout. Drop by the center for more specific information on days, times and cost.

Movie Matinee: Our next movie matinee will take place Monday, Jan. 23 when we will show the recent release, *The Perfect Man*. Heather Locklear

and Chris Noth star in this heartwarming comedy about mothers, daughters, and the outrageous lengths people will go to for love. Reservations are not necessary; just drop in and join us.

Massage Therapy: A licensed massage therapist is on-site at the center Monday mornings by appointment, offering seated, upper-body massages. Cost is just \$12 for a 20-minute appointment. Call the center if you would like to try out this great stress reliever.

Cardio Circuit Training For Women: Geared for most fitness levels, this workout is based on the use of 10 different machines. Cost is \$45 for unlimited use and no membership fee is required. This special offer is available only through the senior center, and complimentary passes are available at the center for anyone who would like to try out this opportunity. A new six-week session got underway Monday, Jan. 16.

Bridge Group: Our Thursday afternoon bridge group welcomes newcomers to join them at any time. The game begins at 1 p.m. Reservations are not necessary; just come down and join in.

Fix-It Shop: The fix-it volunteers will be back at the cen-

ter again Monday, Jan. 23 at 1:30 p.m. They will be happy to take a look at any small item or appliance in need of repair. Your cost is \$2 plus any necessary parts.

Book Club: Our afternoon book club will meet again Thursday, Jan. 26 at 1 p.m. Discussion will be on *The Road From Coorain* by Jill Conway. Copies of the book are available to check out at the senior center. Newcomers are welcome in this group at any time.

Chinese New Year Celebration: Tickets are now available for our Chinese New Year celebration, which will take place Monday, Jan. 30 from 4 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$5, which includes entertainment and dinner. Come help us usher in the Year of the Dog. Advance tickets only, so stop in next week if you're interested.

Men's Breakfast: Our next men's get-together will take place tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 20 at 8:30 a.m. *The British Soldier in the American Revolution* will be this month's program. Guy Morin will appear as a fully uniformed and equipped soldier of King George III and will discuss the clothing, equipment, weapons and tactics of the period. There will also be the opportunity to view many of the items carried and used by soldiers in the 18th century. Cost is \$3 and reservations may be made by calling the center.

Conquering the Cold: Presenters will share cost-saving tips on what you can do at home to save on energy bills Friday, Jan. 27 at 9:30 a.m., sponsored by Rep. Barry Finegold. Invited speakers include representatives from Bay State Gas, National Grid, Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, and Citizens Energy Corp. Call the center at 978-623-9321 if you would like to attend.

Valentine Brunch: Frank's

famous Valentine brunch will be held Sunday, Feb. 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the center. Choose from a great variety of foods including omelettes made to order, bacon and home fries, assorted fresh fruit and cereals, desserts and more. Tickets are \$7, and are available only on an advance-purchase basis.

The 10 Tenors: Seen by more than 77 million people on three continents and PBS, this group sells out shows and wins hearts with their charm, camaraderie and vocal prowess. We'll travel to Lowell Memorial Auditorium on Wednesday, March 15 for an 8 p.m. show. The \$56 price includes transportation from the center and excellent center floor seats. Book early to avoid disappointment.

London Philharmonic Orchestra: Celebrated for its versatility, artistic excellence, and thrilling performances, the London Philharmonic, under the direction of principal conductor Kurt Masur, has earned its place among the world's most respected orchestras. We'll attend this performance at Symphony Hall in Boston on Saturday evening, March 24 at 8. The cost (\$70) includes transportation from the center and first balcony center seats.

Creative Cooking/Lunch Group: Have the fun of going out to eat right at the senior center. Watch Ed Alessi's cooking demonstration and enjoy a great lunch at the same time. This group will meet Thursday, Feb. 16 at 11:15 a.m. Cost is \$6, which includes lunch.

BIRTHS

BERGSCHNEIDER - A daughter, Zoe Anne Bergschneider, born to Daniel and Catherine (Allard) Bergschneider of Haverhill on Dec. 8 at Holy Family Hospital. Grandparents are Robert and Mary Kate Allard of Andover and Diane Bergschneider of Bayside Wis., and the late James Bergschneider. Great-grandmother is Therese Gosselin of Manchester, N.H. Zoe joins Ella, 21 months.

Late-night supper satisfies those hunger pangs

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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two of milk or fat-free half-and-half to achieve a more "mashed potato" texture. Set aside.

2. Wrap the bacon slices in a paper towel and zap in a microwave oven for 2 or 2½ minutes, until crispy. Remove from the oven. Crumble the bacon when it is cool enough to handle.

3. Place the broccoli in a small bowl and cook in the microwave for about 1½ to 2 minutes or until *al dente*, cooked but still having some snap. Remove from the oven and set aside.

4. Spray a small nonstick sauté pan or omelette pan with cooking spray and then preheat the pan over medium heat.

5. In a small bowl whisk together the eggs, milk, salt and pepper. Pour this mixture into the preheated pan. Use a silicone spatula to gently push the cooked edges into the center of the omelette. After 1-2 minutes the omelette will be fluffy but still loose on top. At this time cover the eggs with the potato and sprinkle with the broccoli, crumbled bacon and shredded cheese; reduce the heat to medium-low and put a lid on the pan. Cook for another 2 to 3 minutes until the eggs are set and the cheese is melted. Remove the pan from the heat, lift off the cover, and slide the omelette onto a plate, carefully folding it in half.

6. Top with a dollop (just a little spoonful - not half the carton) of sour cream.

Serve with a crisp lettuce and tomato salad. In just a few minutes you've made a nutritious, delicious and satisfying supper. All of the classic comfort of a loaded baked potato with none of the caloric guilt.

Doesn't that feel good? Your mom would be proud of you, too.

Chinese New Year celebration at Collins Center Saturday, Jan. 28

The Chinese School of Andover announced that its annual Chinese New Year celebration will be held at Andover's J. Everett Collins Center for the Performing Arts next Saturday, Jan. 28 from 1:30 to 5 p.m. This year CSA celebrates the coming Year of the Dog.

The events include performances by CSA students (from pre-K to adult classes), parents, teachers, and local Chinese professional musicians. There will also be exhibition of students' work.

The event is free and open to the public.

The Collins Center is adjacent to Andover High School on Shawsheen Road. Check the CSA Web site (www.csandover.org) for additional details.

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Dec. 28	Dec. 22

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What game are we going to play with a hoquet?

OK, the Kid will give you another clue. Hoquet is the French word for shepherd's stick. If you say hockey, you are right.

Cold weather brings out ice hockey players and an exciting, action-packed game. Hockey fans will get a bonus with the winter Olympics next month in Italy.

Hockey is the national sport of Canada, where it was invented.

Hockey became popular throughout Canada about 150 years ago.

It draws elements from English field hockey, Indian lacrosse, Irish hurling and Scottish curling. The Micmac Indians in Nova Scotia played an early version. An early version was known as shinny or shinty because players hit opponents on the shins with the stick.

Early teams had as many as 30 players. The goals were two stones frozen into one end of the ice. The early game used a ball. The puck was introduced at Kingston Harbour, Ontario, in 1860.

Hockey firsts:

1893: Lord Stanley donates the "Dominion Hockey Challenge Cup." The Montreal team wins the Stanley Cup.

1893: Ice hockey comes to the United States. It quickly spreads to Great Britain and other parts of Europe.

1900: The goal net is introduced.

1904: A professional league forms.

1917: The first non-Canadian team wins the Stanley Cup.



1946: Babe Pratt raises his arms and stick after scoring a goal.

1955: The Zamboni ice machine debuts.

Olympic hockey

Ice hockey debuted at the 1924 Winter Olympics. Canada won the gold, establishing a streak that lasted through 1936.

The Soviet Union became a hockey powerhouse in 1956 by winning the Olympic gold.

The USA team knocked off the Soviet Union in 1980, a victory known as the "Miracle on Ice."

The Olympic game changed in 1998 when National Hockey League players began competing at the Olympics.

The Canadian men won their first gold in 50 years at the last Olympics in Salt Lake City.

This year's USA men's team includes 23 NHL players. Three of the men also played on USA Olympic teams as amateurs. The oldest, 44-year-old Chris Chelios of the Detroit Red Wings, was on Olympic teams in 1984, 1998 and 2002. The men play Feb. 15 - 26 in Torino, Italy.

The USA women beat Canada to win the first women's Olympic gold in 1998. Canada came back to beat the American women in 2002 at Salt Lake City. The two teams are expected to face off in the gold medal round in Torino on Feb. 20.

Next week, the Kid will explain the rules of hockey.

Classroom Activity

1. Find the sports page in your newspaper. See what sports are included.

2. Watch a sporting event at your school or on television. Write an account of the game.

Word Scramble

Unscramble these countries the USA hockey teams will face in the Olympics.

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BOOK REVIEW

The Cay

BY THEODORE TAYLOR

Reviewed by John Chartier and James Caron

John and James examine the themes of survival and conquering prejudice in this exciting adventure.

TALES OF SURVIVAL AND STRUGGLE are often the best types of stories out there. They are exciting, suspenseful, and ultimately powerful – they make the reader wonder what he or she would do in the same situation.

The Cay by Theodore Taylor is one of those extremely engaging stories that outlines the harrowing experiences of Phillip Enright and an African-American man, Timothy, who are shipwrecked on an island.

Phillip Enright has always seen the prospect of war as fun, like a game. When the war threatens to creep onto the small island of Curaçao, Phillip and his mother board a boat bound for the United States – only their boat's fate will be sealed once it is torpedoed. Phillip is separated from his mother, marooned on a raft in the middle of the ocean with only his cat, and Timothy.

Worst of all, after he is hit on the head, he loses his vision for who knows how long.

Phillip was always warned about trusting African-Americans, yet he is forced to learn to rely upon Timothy, a shrewd, smart man who knows how to survive in a situation like the one in which he and Phillip have found themselves. Phillip will be forced to grapple with the choice between conquering his prejudices in order to survive with the help of Timothy, or being left to fend for himself. No matter what, the way he views others will ultimately be altered forever.

The Cay by Theodore Taylor is a gripping story about two people who are trapped together and forced to discover more about themselves and each other. Not only is it exciting, but it does a great job of discussing the underlying themes of ignorance and prejudice – as well as ways to overcome such obstacles.

We give *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor an eight out of 10 rating. Taylor is an author whose work is as original as it is interesting. He is able to captivate the reader using seemingly simplistic language that disguises the complex themes that reside beneath.

This book is best suited for readers who enjoy adventure or survival stories, although it will be enjoyed by many who have never picked up a book like this before.

It is a good choice for readers ages 11 and older. It is fairly easy to understand but, years later, will still be enjoyed by many.

So sail on down to your local bookstore or library today and pick up your very own copy of *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor! Be careful whom you meet along the way – you never know how they might help you along your journey!

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Twenty members of the senior class at St. John's Preparatory School have been recognized for exceptional academic promise by the 2006 National Merit Scholarship Program, including four students who were named Semifinalists and 16 students who were named Commended students. Commended students are those whose PSAT/NMSQT scores place them in the top five percent of high school students nationwide.

National Merit Commended students from Andover attending St. John's Preparatory School include **Robert H. Bradley, Christopher W. Gibson, Richard F. Sawyer and Timothy D. Smith.**

Andover students were among the 498 students from Phillips Academy who were named to the honor roll for the fall term.

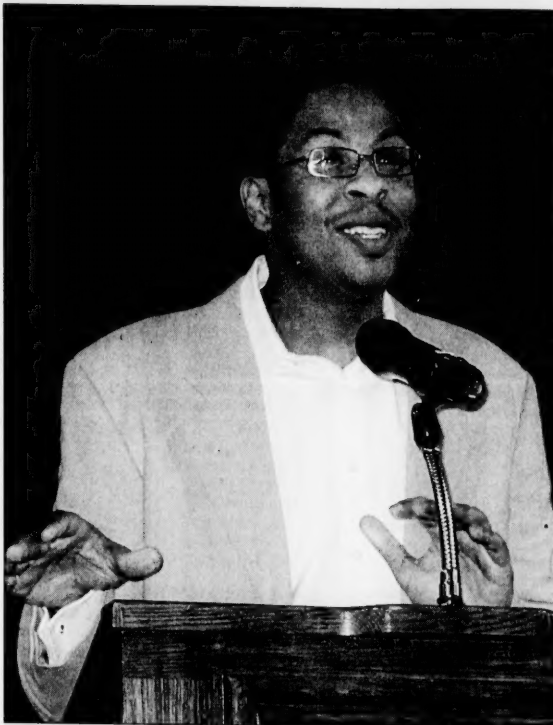
The list of honored Phillips students was published in the Jan. 5 issue of the *Andover Townsman*.

The list supplied by the school should have included **Samuel Weiss**, a member of the class of 2009.

A different **Samuel Weiss**, a member of the class of 2006, was listed, but both students, who share the same name but are unrelated, earned the same recognition, the school reports.

Martin Luther King Day event

Combat racial inequality with facts, speaker tells Phillips Academy students



PHOTOS BY COLIN STEELE

Roland Fryer, an economics professor at Harvard University, analyzes data to prove or disprove theories about racial inequality. A featured speaker during Monday's observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day at Phillips Academy, Fryer was given a standing ovation by students after his speech about using economics methods to understand inequalities.

By Colin Steele

TELEVISION COMMENTATORS, politicians and other observers all have their own theories about why there are racial inequalities in the United States.

Roland Fryer analyzes crime rates, student test scores and other data to prove or disprove those theories.

"Facts are our friends," he told 1,100 Phillips Academy students during a Martin Luther King Day event in the school's chapel. "We need more facts. We need less politics in matters of racial inequality."

Fryer's research on racial inequalities was the main reason he was invited to be a featured speaker during Monday's observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day at Phillips Academy.

Fryer explained how studying facts can help America to attain King's dream.

But as a child, Fryer was not a prime candidate to become a leading economics scholar.

He was raised by his grandmother, and many of his relatives spent time in prison. In high school, academic studies weren't exactly his thing.

"In college, it was the first time I ever picked up a book in my life," he said yesterday. "I'm not proud of it, but it's the truth."

But Fryer quickly took a liking to math and graduated with honors in less than three years from the University of Texas in 1998. Just four years later, he earned a doctorate in economics from Pennsylvania State University. His thesis was titled "Mathematical Models of Discrimination and Inequality."

Today at the age of 28, he is an assistant professor of economics at Harvard University, where his use of economics principles to study racial inequalities has gained him national recognition.

He has studied data showing that, in the late 1980s, the murder rate among black youths quadrupled. The black infant mortality rate increased, and the income gap between blacks and whites grew wider.

Fryer and his colleagues analyzed the data and found just one variable that drove all of those statistics: the crack cocaine epidemic.

When Fryer validates such theories about what causes racial inequality, it makes it easier to address the problems that King spoke of roughly 40 years ago, he said. Fryer urged Phillips students to help make King's famous dreams become realities.

"You can help push this vision," he said. "I'm looking for teammates. We need an army of people."

Blending the serious content of his speech with funny stories about break dancing in an elementary school Christmas play and tripping over his teammates during a televised high school football game, Fryer received a standing ovation.

"We don't give standing ovations to everyone," senior Fahad Missmar said. "I was just really impressed with how he cut through the politics and fluffy talk."

Classmate Charles Frenz was most impressed by Fryer's message that racial inequality represents a failure by all of society, he said.

"It's really important for people to hear these things and to understand," he said. "You can't blame certain people for performing less than their counterparts."

After his speech, Fryer spoke with economics students over lunch.

"He's a brilliant man," teacher Chris Shaw said. "A lot of people assume economics is about Wall Street, and it's never been."

Fryer's speech kicked off a daylong celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day at Phillips. Students attended workshops, watched the film *Crash* and performed community service throughout the Merrimack Valley.

"The whole day is looking at issues of justice and rights," said Raj Mundra, interim associate dean of community and multicultural development.

SCHOOL TALK

The Harlem Wizards, a professional team of basketball players, will return to **Wood Hill Middle School** at 7 tonight, Thursday, Jan. 19. The Wizards, who have entertained audiences around the globe since 1962, will perform tricks such as hoops, alley-oops and more as they take on the Andover All-Stars, featuring Wood Hill faculty members.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door.

For more information, call Rushna Heneghan at 978-475-7819.

From noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 29, more than 50 camps are coming to **Pike School** to tell parents and students about their camps, programs, or organizations. Parents and students may obtain camp registration packets and information about the programs on offer.

All attendees will receive a free summertime guidebook that lists all camps with contact information.

Programs may include day camps, overnight camps, clubs, recreational activities, summer schools, athletic camps, tutorial services, special needs programs, art camps, theater camps, dance camps and more.

Although many camps will be represented, most camps are geared to serving children ages 4 through 14.

Admission is free. For more information, call Pike School at

978-475-1197.

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The Andover Special Education PAC presents "Technology Solutions: Can They Help My Child?" Wednesday, Jan. 18 (after *Townsman* presstime for this issue) at 7:30 p.m. at **Andover High School Media Center**.

The snow date is Jan. 19. The Andover SEPAC is a group of parents of children of the special needs working together to address issues facing them and their children.

Karen Janowski, MSEd, OTL, is an assistive technology consultant who runs her own business called Technology Solutions. The goal of Janowski's business is to provide customized technology solutions to promote academic success and independence for all learners. She makes every effort to create an optimum learning environment for each student by removing barriers to achievement.

When properly used by trained students and/or educational staff, assistive technology services have the potential to increase, maintain or improve the functional capabilities of children with disabilities, she says.

Janowski teaches a graduate-level assistive technology and learning disabilities course at Simmons College in Boston.

For more information, contact **Theresa Carey** at 978-470-3305; or check the SEPAC Web site, AndoverSepac.org.



Phillips Academy student Kevin Olusola plays saxophone in the school chapel during Monday's schoolwide celebration of Martin Luther King Day.

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LOCAL SCHOLARS

Doherty students achieve first-term honors

Doherty Middle School has named the following students to the honor roll for the first trimester:

Grade 8**HIGH HONORS**

Kirsten Arvidson
Noah Besen
Camille Black
James Brenner
Julia Caffrey
Olivia Caradonio
Stephen Carey
Joseph Charlier
Christopher Chu
Kaelan Crawford
Sheila Cremin
Nicholas Curtin
David Daniels
Alyson Formichella
Thomas Fuerst
Jennifer Garvin
Natalie Gibson
Elizabeth Gilbert
Alexandra Hall
Gregory Hanafin
Joshua Holzman
Thomas Hubschman
Caroline Kaufman
Katie Kucharski
Noah Kurinsky
Joseph Kuta
Elizabeth LeCain
Christopher Leary
Sandra Lewis
Celia Lewis
Joseph Liotta
Andrew Mack
Colleen Maher
Brian Martin
Catherine McLaughlin
Derek Monson
Jessica Musto
Madhumita Narayan
Caroline O'Sullivan
Andrew Pallotta
Zachary Pantely
John Perrone
Felisha Perry Smith
John Ponti
Weston Rogers
Adam Rosenzweig

Brittany Samuels
Randal Sartor
Nicolas Serna
Julia Shapiro
Maokai Shen
Vanessa Singleton
Charles Smith
Victoria Spagnuolo
Eric Struhl
Diane Sun
Katherine Svec
Colin Trepicchio
John Turiano
Molly Van Doren
Laura Van Drie
Katherine Voorhees
John Wurts
Christine Zhou

HONORS

Michael Bernieri
Tyler Blake
Tyler Bond
Anthony Broccoli
Emily Burke
Matthew Byrne
Cabrea Casey
Courtney Casper
Matthew Cohen
Robert Collins
Mark Costagliola
Zachary Costello
Brianna Deyemond
Katherine D'Innocenzo
Joseph Downes-Berry
John Fiorentino
John Fiorentino
Mary Forster
Matthew Gadziala
Harrison Ganem
Benjamin Gikow
Nicole Giroux
Samuel Hatch
Kevin Heinrich
Alycia Howell
Paul Hunter
Nathan Israel
Violet Jackson
Alexander Kafantis
Katherine Knowles
Jacob LaHaye
Danielle Lauretano
Elizabeth Maldari
Austin Marocco
Eric McKnight

Martin Murphy
Neil Murphy
Ali Nickpour
Paige Oldaker
Andrew O'Leary
Marcus Olivieri
Michael Olivieri
Maggie O'Reilly
Devi Patel
Alexander Patti
Jacob Peters
Emily Pontes
Ashleigh Ryans
Haley Scott
Rachel Shaw
Anna Silva
Natalie Sousa
Benjamin Stacy
Geoffrey Stevens
Molly Trerotola
Benjamin Van Doren
Mark Vetere
Derek Wakefield
Scott Waller
Christopher Warne
Garrison Wilson
Cameron Wolf
Sierra Zwerling

Grade 7**HIGH HONORS**

Amin Addetia
Alexandra Allocca
Ryan Beaumont
Emily Belluche
Victoria Briggs
Kevin Byrne
Margaret Carter
Hannah Chiodo
Brianna Conlon
Benjamin Cook
John Cusick
Madeline Dillman
Elizabeth Doherty
Matthew Dorros
Elisabeth Ekman
Kaitlin Fanikos
Demetria Fantauzzi
Conor Flanagan
Sean Furlong
Rose Ganley
Drew Gath
Elizabeth Goslin

Michael Goslin
Kyle Hagan
Laura Hamilton
Christopher Irish
Aazim Jafarey
Olivier Jin
Brian Knapp
Brandon Lam
Andrea Laquidara
Melissa Laracy
Margaret Lederline-Paskal
Alex Linnemann
Sarah Mahan
Rohan Malhotra
Casey McQuillen
Kimberly Moccia
Claire Murphy
Crosby Nicholson
William Ossoff
Monica Patterson
Christopher Penta
Alison Pouliot
Jennifer Powers
Hanitha Pula
Christopher Quartararo
Graeme Johnson
Rory Johnson
John Kou
Christopher Kucharski
Lauren Lamagna
Priscilla Lopez
John Lucci
Timothy Lyman
Alison Lynch
Kira Mattheson
Brittany Moulden
Samantha Okun
Theodore Pantely
Zoe Payne-Taylor
Heather Pekarovich
Benjamin Petter
Morgan Prudden
Jacob Roberts
Dane Rodriguez
David Rungron
Alex Rutfield
Nicholas Sarno
Thomas Shannon
Connor Sullivan
Leah Totten
Danielle Walsh
Tyler Webster
Zachary Weiss
Brian Wilson
Julie Zavri

HONORS

Chelsea Angelosanto
Lyle Baker
Madeline Baldwin
John Barbaro

Matthew Barker
Matthew Barnes
Kyle Berthiaume
Adam Blech
Paul Burton
Van Caraviello
Adam Carrington
Julia Centofanti
Elliot Cooper
Conor Davidson
Bennett Deady
Alexandra Dodge
Jay Dolan
Rebecca Dunlavy
Sydney Eberth
Patrick Farnham
Samuel Gilboard
Evan Golden
James Gustus
Elinor Hannum
Nicole Hardgrove
Alexandra Hung
Daniel Hyszcak
Amanda Johnson
Graeme Johnson
Rory Johnson
John Kou
Christopher Kucharski
Lauren Lamagna
Priscilla Lopez
John Lucci
Timothy Lyman
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David Rungron
Alex Rutfield
Nicholas Sarno
Thomas Shannon
Connor Sullivan
Leah Totten
Danielle Walsh
Tyler Webster
Zachary Weiss
Brian Wilson
Julie Zavri

Grade 6**HIGH HONORS**

Rachel Abbott
Dorothy Agoulrik
Adrian Aguado
John Andon
Emily Appleton
Sarah Arvidson
Katherine Barnes
Kaitlyn Beaumont
Alexandra Camilo
Lauren Cardillo
Mitchell Carey
Maggie Marie Casto
Curren Chadha
Lucas Christopherson
James Costello
Rebecca Daniels
Bridgette Dufton
Michael Earley
Blake Finlayson
Samuel Gillette
Elizabeth Gorrie
Jillian Gray
Dylan Gully
Morgan Gundrum
Brian Hanafin
James Holden
Christopher Hoyt
Robert Hsu
Douglas Hubschman
Kelsey Jamieson
Colin Johnson
Tahir Kapoor
Joanna Kenneally
William Klein
Benjamin Krapels
Meredith Lawler
Ashley Li
John Lincoln-Vogel
Alec Livingston
Rachel Moore
Nicole Morin
Daniel Murray
Aaron Neaves
Melanie Nesteruk
Leili Nickpour
Matthew Norris
Michael Olson
Patrick O'Sullivan
Charlotte Ozirsky
Viraj Penamatsa

Lauren Pien
Emily Pond
Nicholas Price
Elizabeth Pugliese
Lisa Qin
Caroline Quinn
Hannah Ragonese
Andrea Ravikumar
Nicola Shen
Anna Shrestinian
Abhishek Sinha
Mackenzie Skwierczynski
Kyle Wakefield
Alyssa Wall
Mark Waller
Abigail Watts
Kaleigh Wilson
Melanie Zakin

HONORS

Ian Adams
Duncan Allen
Timothy Arena
Evan Bedrosian
Christopher Boilard
Alexander Booth
Christopher Briggs
James Burns
Colleen Byrne
Madeleine Caron
Zachary Casper
Gabriella Cirelli
Melissa Cronin
Noah Curtin
Meghan Doherty
Molly Dowell
Coleman Egerton
Patrick Enxing
Bryan Farrell
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Marin Gang
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Jeffrey Hanson
Benjamin Harris
Austin Hart
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Jason Ho
Joyce Holloway

Andrew Hook
Megan Horn
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Michael Quinlan
Daisy Ranwell
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Jeremy Salerno
Noah Sands
Pooja Singh
Jordan Smith
Nicholas Solimini
Leah Spencer
Maxwell Stewart
Dylan Tierney
Taber Tyrrell
James Walsh
Sophie Walsh
Sarah Warne
Derek Witt
Christopher Wolf
Carolina Zappala

Students at Pike named to first-term honors

Wood Hill Middle School has named the following students to the honor roll for the first trimester:

High honors**Grade 9**

Will Abisalih
Liza Brecher
Carolyn Calabrese
Alex Cope
Phillip Picardi
Nick Poland

Grade 8

Kaitlyn Barnett
Lara Bhaiwala
Shane Bouchard
Calvin Chao
Benjamin Coman
Rainer Croset
David J. Dlesk
Zainab Doctor

Hilary Evans
Mary French
Julie Helmers
Katie Koppel
Ryan McKinnon
Mari Miyachi
Carly Rauh
Eric Sirakian
Emma Sundberg
Julie Xie
John Yang-Sammataro

Grade 7

Catherine Anderson
Jordan Brooks
Andrés Burbank-Crump
Zander Buttress
Erin Cahill
Elizabeth Carrolo
Sarah Crockett
Nate Elkin
Claire Harmange
Carolyn Harmeling
Grace Hoyt

David Janovsky
Elizabeth Kelly
Julie Kutchn
Timothy McLaughlin
John Moltz
Josephine Moon
Nicole Muto-Graves
Kevin Neville
Sarah Onorato
Turner Shaw
Alice Tao
Michael Taylor
Summer Washburn
Emma Zanazzi

Grade 6

Emre Anamur
Lydia Azaret
Nikhil Dixit
Fay Feghali
James Hamilton
Merritt Harlan
Emily Jaekle
Tucker Kavanagh

Max McGillivray
Jason Nawrocki
Sidney Ng
Jane Petty
Jamison Poland
Michael Rullo
Kell Yang-Sammataro
Lindsey Zucchino

Honors

Alexander Matses
Sinead Oliver
Ellen Rullo
Analise Saab

Grade 8

Anne Amzen
Talene Bilazarian
Sarah Clarkson
Taylor Colliton
Kelly Comolli
Shannon Comolli

Kyle Doherty
Meredith Farahmand
Christine Goglia
Alice Grant
Hilary Greene
Frances Hamilton
Tennysen Hunt
Alexander Letwin
Michael Levenson
Max Lindauer
Cecchi MacNaughton
Marina Moschitto
Morgan Pearce
Cameron Poole
Vinay Rajur
Sarah Reilly
Alexa Sarmanian
Gregory Serrao
Jacob Shack
Sahil Singhal
Naomi Smith
Liam White
James Yuschik

Grade 7

Jose Bedoya
Ara Bilazarian
Eve Bishop
Rebecca Cordero
Jared Curtis
Karl Daum
Nathaniel Feuerstein
Alexander Gacek
Avery Galloway
Hadley Green
Jack Hartigan
Emma Healey
Samuel Karlinski
Michaela Magliochetti
Tebogo Magubela
Patrick McGrath
Meisha Mowatt
Morgan Muggia
Nicholas Nawrocki
Jamie Newsome
Alexander Nunez
Hayley Poole
Jacquelyn Ruiz-Henriquez

Zachery Sarkis
Stephen Sarno
Madeline Stephens
Rachel Stern
Bryce Stocks
Caroline Will
Zachary Wilmarth
Brandon Wright
Calvin Zhao

Grade 6

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Sydney Bagley
Rachael Berman
Emily Brown
Frank Cieri
Geoffrey Cook
Caroline Cormier
Christopher Cowie
Louisa Dallett
Megan Fanning
Peter Ferrante
John French
Sabrina Galigney

Amanda Gimbel
Joshua Hall
Cecile Harmange
Jessica Horton
Michael Ippolito
Cameron Johst
Gray Marchese
Nina Mazzarelli
Stephanie Neville
James Pramberg
Shane Psoinos
Shannon Reilly
James Rullo
Alana Saab
Hailey Scott
Sara Teplow
George Tourkakis
Katherine Wilkinson
Nicole Zohdi

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Jan. 23-27:

Elementary schools

Monday: Nachos with spicy beef and cheese, chicken McSchool, fresh pizza, d'animals day, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: BBQ chicken with potatoes and corn, baked chicken nuggets, pizza stick with soft

pretzel, boxed breakfast, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Pork chops with potatoes and carrots, spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread, pizza rings, chicken teriyaki wrap, fruit, veggie, milk and vanilla pudding.

Thursday: EARLY RELEASE - No lunches.

Friday: Chicken fajitas with

rice, chicken nuggets with mashed potatoes, fresh pizza, "gogurt," fruit, veggie and milk.

Middle schools

Monday: Chicken pot pie, cheeseburger with fries, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Shepherd's pie, two beefy burritos, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: BBQ chicken with potatoes, two hot dogs with fries, BBQ Sloppy Joe pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Chicken caesar salad with garlic bread, french toast with sausage, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Two toasted cheese sandwiches, rotini and meat sauce with garlic bread, stuffed

crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Andover High School

Monday: Sloppy Joes, baked mac and cheese, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Shepherd's pie, spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Roast turkey dinner, chicken parm sandwich, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Two beefy burritos with salsa, chicken, broccoli and ziti, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Chicken tomato bake, BBQ meatball sub, fruit, veggie and milk.



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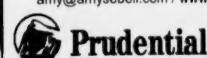


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Opinion

Message from India

ONE BICYCLE-TIRE REVOLUTION at a time, Avijit Chakraborty is proving that people can make a difference if they are committed to a goal. Chakraborty's goal is to bring all humanity together, and he has seen progress as he has cycled around the world. "It will be coming," he said of the change, "but very slow."

Chakraborty has influenced people in many countries to help each other, in a variety of small ways. When he was traveling through New Jersey and New York on his way to Boston, he heard a number of car horns. Soon, he was stopped. "Some police persons were not agreeing that I could pass through the Lincoln Tunnel. They have some restrictions. So, what's to be done?" said Chakraborty. He asked them to suggest another route for him to travel.

"They discussed," he continued, with a smile. "And one car escorted me through the tunnel."

Nothing seems to bother this man on his journey. His toughest day was when he ran out of water in the sands of Iran, far removed from any community. Eventually a car came and a stranger stopped for him. He was glad for that, and glad last week to enjoy the Indian food – and beverages – of the Brahma family of Andover. Then, he was off again, despite the cold.

"If today it is snowing, tomorrow it will not be snowing. Somewhere I will get the heat, somewhere I will get the rain," he said. But always he will keep going, an inspiration to others. "In my experience, (the number of) good people is large – and bad people, microscopic," he said. His simple message – "love each other" – is one from which we can all learn.

Web question

What services do you value?

Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question asked how residents prefer spend their leisure time during the winter.

21 people responded.

- 6 people, or 29 percent, said, "Skiing, skating, sledding – anything to stay active and outdoors!"
- 3 people, or 14 percent, said, "It's too cold to be outside. I like curling up with a good book."
- 3 people, or 14 percent, said, "Shopping for great bargains during the January sales."
- 3 people, or 14 percent, said, "Putting that gym membership to good use – well, at least a couple of visits."
- 6 people, or 29 percent, said, "Get me the heck out of this state!"
- No one said "Other."

For this week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question we want to know how you think town officials should address this year's projected \$3 million budget

shortfall. Town Manager Buzz Staczynski will likely present three versions of the budget early next month, showing options for addressing the town's looming deficits. One option tossed out during a brainstorming session is eliminating curbside trash pickup. Residents would have to hire a private collector or haul their own trash. What do you think?

- Great idea! Anything I can do in these tough economic times.
- I like the way the town is facing up to its money woes, but isn't there some other way to find the money?
- No, absolutely not. I pay a lot of taxes in this town. If I don't get trash pickup, what do I get?
- Why don't we start from scratch – what does this town really need to provide? Surely there's fat in our services. Let's scrub that budget.
- Umm, where would I bring it?
- Other.

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UNLEASHED



Coconut, a 2½-year-old Pekingese, runs with her leash (in her mouth) as she keeps pace with her owner, Paul Arena, in the Park on Tuesday afternoon.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

LETTERS

Doyle was a character and a contributor

Editor, *Townsman*:

I read with sadness the passing of John Doyle, and I'm trying to figure out why, because – boy – could he be frustrating! As a former member of the Andover Board of Selectmen and the "captive audience" of many of Doyle's phone calls and visits, I rarely succeeded in making him happy. As a past chairwoman of the board, there were many times I just had to cut him off mid-sentence and ask him to take a seat (although probably not often enough for my fellow selectmen). And Doyle could tie up Town Meeting with his "points of order" more often than anyone, and surely tested Moderator Jim Doherty's patience more than he had a right to (although you couldn't tell Doyle that).

In spite of this, I think there was a part of Doyle that truly was proud of Andover, wanted to make a difference, and wanted to be recognized for his efforts. I remember stopping by his home to pick up a letter and how anxious he was to also show me a model airplane he had built. To my amazement it was a model that took up his entire living room! Also during that visit Doyle gave me his calling card that I've kept all these years – #42 (yes, Doyle kept track of who he gave them to). On the card, in addition to the usual name and address, there was a photo of John accepting an award from former School Superintendent Ken Seifert. There was also a photo of this award that read, "Presented to John Doyle. The person most instrumental in establishing the J. Everett Collins Center for the Performing Arts – One of the Better Auditoria in New England. September 6, 1983."

To me, this card illustrated how important Andover was to Doyle, and I like to think that Doyle, in his own way, was important to Andover. So at his passing, I'll choose to remember his smiles not his scowls, and his dedication after his disruptions because, not all, the special character that was Doyle was surely an important part of the fabric of Andover – the kind that makes Andover a truly special place to be.

Rest well, John Doyle. Andover is in good hands!

Gail L. Ralston
Former Andover selectman
18 Waldo St., Dracut

Downtown's greeter warms residents

Editor, *Townsman*:

There's nothing I'd rather see at this time of year when the weather is gloomy and often bitter cold, than a photo of John Garabedian in your paper, doing what he does best. He strolls around town, on the coldest and hottest days offering his friendly, and often unexpected "Hi! How are you today?" to everyone, as if they are all his friends and he's glad to see them. You just never know where he'll appear; in Andovers Gift Shop or briskly walking along a sidewalk as if looking for that next person to jubilantly greet. I even ran into him once at the Coliseum Restaurant in Salem, N.H.

Each time he greets me (and he doesn't know me by name), I smile for an hour afterward. Recently, he sat in Starbucks, proudly donning his new Christmas present – a leather trekking hat (how appropriate!), and greeted many who walked in. While at first he may take you off guard, you learn

quickly that if he has any serious cares in the world, he's put them aside, for what seems like a personal mission to bring a moment of happiness to all those in his path.

"Hi, John!" I called out.

"How are you today?" he asked enthusiastically, and put on his new hat when I asked him to model it for me. We talked while I ordered a mocha. His gratitude for life is evident: "As long as I wake up..." he cheerfully offers each time, "as long as I can walk around, it's a great day."

The last time, he smiled and also reminded me, "One day at a time." Then he put on his jacket, adjusted his new hat and said goodbye to me and the stranger beside him.

Garabedian is a warm smile in winter, a cool breeze in July and a lesson, for me anyway, to lighten up. And by the way, to "Happy John," happy 39th birthday!

Kathi Chang
56 Pleasant St.

Don't leave as is

Editor, *Townsman*:

If Andover needs to figure out what to do with the "trash cash windfall," how about allocating a very small portion to the trash pickup budget to pay for a few extra weeks of leaf pick up?

There are so few weeks that, depending on the weather, leaves may fall after the last pick up. In addition, many residents may be out of town for a week or two and if they can't rake on time, then they lose. I jog all around town and see loads of leaf bags not picked up. The collective cost of residents bringing these leaves to the allocated spot (typically several trips) is much higher than the incremental cost of adding a few more weeks in the spring and fall to the trash pick-up contract.

Patrick Robbins
5 Harding St.

There was room for fine dining at Broekhoff's inn

Editor, *Townsman*:

The papers have printed stories and taken pictures and the gala New Year's Eve party is over. But the articles have not even scratched the surface of the real story of Henry Broekhoff, the dedicated, honest, kind and hard-working man who gave a good part of his life to running the gem called the Andover Inn.

I have had the honor of working for Broekhoff for 30 years and two years prior in his original restaurant, Maxwell's, in downtown Lawrence. He, along with his partner at the time, John Oudheusden, introduced fine dining to the Merrimack Valley in 1974. I remember saying, "They will never make it" when the staff was taught how to toss Caesar salads, flambee dishes and open expensive wines at the tables, and to wheel around a large dessert cart with Black Forest cakes, tortes and flans. The ultimate experience was learning to serve and pronounce all the side dishes to the Indonesian Rijsttafel!

In those early years, Broekhoff spent endless hours training us to know our product, pronounce it correctly, serve it correctly and sell. Neat appearance and cleanliness were musts. He did all of this with firmness but also with a kindness and respect. This was a real education. Broekhoff was never intimidating but by his example everyone knew this was serious business. When new china or silver was purchased, he expected everyone to handle them with care and when a piece was even accidentally broken, we all cringed. This was an exciting time for all of us. Broekhoff had invested and gambled all he had in this new dining experience that he introduced to an area of urban

decline and we all prospered.

Two years later because of the huge success of Maxwell's, Broekhoff and Oudheusden were asked to take over the management of the Andover Inn on the campus of Phillips Academy. This was a 24-hour operation, seven days a week with hotel, functions and larger dining areas, and the staff would become much larger. The same 100 percent effort was given by Broekhoff in training and teaching, attention to detail and customer satisfaction. New china, glassware, linens, silver, artwork, drapes, rugs and servers' uniforms all blended together to give birth to the beautiful Andover Inn.

The 1980s were wonderful years there. Famous people were almost commonplace. I remember serving John Kennedy Jr. and Ted Kennedy's family many times. Others, such as Jacqueline Onassis, Claus von Bulow, George Bush, Paul Tsongas, Lou Gossett Jr., Dana Delaney, Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward, Cybill Shepherd, Mel Blanc, Esther Williams and Michael Dukakis were spotted in the dining room. Famous people have that way of expecting special considerations, but Broekhoff treated all his guests the same. He once told Jackie O that she would have to be seated in a side room because she was not dressed for the dining room, which she did very graciously.

Broekhoff was not syrupy with anyone, which made it easier for the waitstaff to do their jobs. He empathized with his employees, which earned him their admiration and respect. It is an unusual phenomenon in the restaurant world. He took a real interest in the lives of employees

– giving some a place to stay when they needed it, others financial assistance, others loans for cars, and always a lending ear. He was always the gentleman.

In 1987 Broekhoff offered me the office manager position and I accepted. Then I saw first-hand all his duties and responsibilities. He handled weddings and special occasions, conferences and Phillips Academy-related events with the same dedication and correctness he had exhibited in the dining room. He was my mentor.

Broekhoff also was a community leader, but always quietly behind the scenes. He was instrumental in organizing Dining with the Docs and Taste of Andover, was a mentor for the Lawrence Schools and active in the Rotary Club and other organizations. Donations in the forms of gift certificates, private rooms, food and money are a constant consideration of all restaurateurs and Broekhoff could never say "no."

The end of Broekhoff's career at the Andover Inn is also the end of an era. Fine dining does not seem to matter to as many people at it once did. Dressing for dinner, even for special occasions, is an inconvenience for many and has been replaced with casual dining. But the Merrimack Valley has lost a precious jewel. When we want to show our family and friends, and especially our children, that there are certain occasions in our lives that should be memorable for fine dining, soft piano music, wonderful ambience sprinkled with proper service and etiquette, where will we go? That distinguished and courteous Dutch gentleman will not be there to serve us.

Betty Dooley
105 Piedmont St., Methuen

OBITUARIES

William E. DeVoor

Was global procurement manager at Lucent

William E. DeVoor, 63, of Andover, died Saturday, Jan. 14, at Lahey Clinic Hospital.

Born in Great Falls, Mont. to Oden W. and Marjorie (Paden)



William E. DeVoor

DeVoor, he graduated from Jefferson High School in Portland, Ore. He attended the University of Oregon, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in finance and business administration and was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma. He served in the Army National Guard for six years.

He retired in 1999 from Lucent Technologies after 33 years of service as a global procurement manager. He was a certified purchasing manager and achieved lifetime certification in product and inventory management.

Mr. DeVoor's life journey was rooted in his faith, family members said. He was a deeply devoted Christian, worshipping and serving through Faith Lutheran Church in Andover. A devoted husband and father, he enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren.

He was an avid sports fan and music collector, and enjoyed hunting, fishing, carpentry, model shipbuilding, landscaping, photography, and playing guitar. He was a longtime member of Plaistow Fish and Game Club, AmVets Post 0147, and the American Legion Post 0462.

Members of his family include his wife of 40 years, Laurie (Shaylor) DeVoor; a daughter, Michelle S. Appleby and her husband, Mark, of Cohasset; twin sons, Stephen P. DeVoor of Ashburn, Va. and Gregory A. DeVoor and his wife, Joanne, of State College, Penn.; a sister, Nancy Meyer and her husband, John, of Maple Valley, Wash.; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 21, at 11 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St., Andover.

Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Lutheran

Church, the Johns Hopkins Vascular Center of Baltimore, Md.; or to the charity of one's choice.

Lomer J. Pothier

Outdoorsman was 30-year resident

A son of Lomer J. Pothier said his father brought people together without calling attention to himself, "whether it be by organizing backyard games at a neighborhood cookout, or by leading an Appalachian Mountain Club hike across the granite slabs of his beloved White Mountains. Even in his later years, when Alzheimer's disease cast a shroud, he celebrated family gatherings by insisting everyone join him in a rousing song," Mark J. Pothier of Plymouth said of his father.



Lomer J. Pothier

That sense of good humor, and his belief that dignity and fair play were essential components of life, remained constants, the younger Pothier said.

Mr. Pothier, 86, died Saturday, Jan. 14 at Merrimack Valley Hospital in Haverhill after suffering a heart attack three days earlier at his home in Bradford. Formerly of Andover, he had lived in Bradford for 10 years.

He was born in Wedgeport, Nova Scotia, in 1920 and in 1923 his family moved to Medford. He served with the Army during World War II in Italy, North Africa, Germany and other parts of Europe, attaining the rank of sergeant. The GI Bill allowed him to attend and graduate from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

In 1952 he married Patricia Marie (McCann) Pothier. He worked with his brothers at a family-owned printing business in Medford before starting his own company, Industrial Printers in Wakefield, in 1962.

After selling the business in 1987, Mr. Pothier went on to form two other companies, Marketing Directors and LMS Advertising.

After living in Melrose for 13 years, Mr. Pothier and his family moved to Andover in 1965, where they lived for 30 years until moving to Bradford.

Family members said he played tennis and enjoyed skiing, camping, and mountain climbing. As a younger man, he was known to hike several miles up Mt. Washington to ski the headwall and gullies of Tuckerman's Ravine. He rarely went anywhere without a compass, flashlight, wool socks, and a sturdy length of rope in case of emergency, and made precise preparations even for day trips.

OBITUARIES ARE SUPPLIED BY FUNERAL HOMES AND FAMILY MEMBERS

He also had a keen interest in the weather and enjoyed measuring rainfall and charting wind speeds and air pressure, keeping detailed records.

He greatly enjoyed group activities and joined many clubs and organizations, including the Appalachian Mountain Club, the Lions Club, the Wakefield YMCA and chamber of commerce, and the civic advisory board of the former New England Memorial Hospital.

He was also a youth tennis coach for the town of Andover.

In addition to his wife and son, family members include another son, Shawn M. Pothier of Rowley; a daughter, Jamie M. Taylor of Chedworth, England; a brother, Bernard M. Pothier of Middleton; and seven grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be said today, Thursday, Jan. 19 at 9 a.m. in Sacred Hearts Church in Haverhill.

John A. DiRocco

Enjoyed family and sports

John A. DiRocco Jr., 29, of Andover and formerly of Billerica, died Monday, Jan. 9, at the Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston, after a long illness.

He was born in Lowell and was raised in Billerica. He had lived in Andover for the past five years.

He attended the Cotting School and the Labb Collaborative School both in Lexington. He also was involved with the Work Choice Program at American Training in Lawrence.

Mr. DiRocco was an avid sports fan and liked keeping up with current events. He enjoyed being with his family and always brought smiles and happiness to everyone.

Members of his family include his parents, John A. Sr. and Karen G. (Krikorian) DiRocco of Andover; a brother, Derek P. DiRocco of Andover and Seattle, Wash.; a sister, Lisa M. (DiRocco) Tyner and her husband Dustin of New York; paternal grandmother, Florence DiRocco of Lexington; maternal grandmother, Hazel Kontos of Concord; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

DEATHS

Hazel L. Ammon, 86
William E. DeVoor, 63
John DiRocco, 29
Germaine M. Dufour, 97
Helen B. Kalinowski, 89
Stanley C. Landry, Jr., 79
Muriel Mary LaRocque, 82
Claire R. (Hart) Lucas, 85
Lomer J. Pothier, 86
Helen R. Wesson, 93

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

DUFOR — Germaine M. Dufour, 97, of Lawrence, died Wednesday, Jan. 11 at Caritas Family Hospital. She had worked in the drawing room of the former Shawsheen Mill of Andover.

KALINOWSKI — Helen B. Kalinowski, 89, of North Andover, died Friday, Jan. 13. Members of her family include her grandson and his wife, John and Dawn Kolfrath of Andover.

LANDRY — Stanley C. "Jack" Landry, Jr., 79, of North Port,

Fla. and formerly of Derry, N.H., died Monday, Jan. 2, after a long illness. He was retired from Raytheon in Andover, where he worked for 39 years.

LUCAS — Claire R. (Hart) Lucas, 85, of Lawrence, died Saturday, Jan. 14 at the Mary Immaculate Nursing Center. She was a volunteer with the Merrimack Valley Chapter of the March of Dimes in Andover.

He was the grandson of the late Anthony J. DiRocco and the late George F. Krikorian, both of Lexington.

Arrangements were by the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Liver Foundation, 75 Maiden Lane, Suite 603, New York, NY 10038.

Hazel L. Ammon

Active volunteer in local groups

Hazel L. (Parsons) Ammon, 86, of Andover, widow of William H. Ammon, died at Wingate Nursing Home in Andover on Thursday, Jan. 12, following a lengthy illness.

Born in Lawrence, she was a daughter of the late Leon R. and Katherine M. (Veit) Parsons.

Mrs. Ammon had been a longtime communicant of St. Augustine Church of Andover, and was a volunteer for many organizations including the Andover Thrift Shop, the Merrimack Valley Elder Services, the American Red Cross, and the Sanborn School in Andover.

She was also a member of the Shawsheen Village Woman's Club, and worked for the Andover polls.

Members of her family include her children, Katherine M. and her husband David A. DelleChiaie, Ellen L. and her husband Eric C. Nickerson, and William H. and his wife Diana L. Ammon; a sister, Barbara Dufresne; six grandchildren;

and a great-granddaughter.

Her funeral service will be celebrated in the chapel at West Parish Garden Cemetery, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, today, Thursday, Jan. 19, at 11 a.m.

Arrangements are by the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Derryfield School, 2108 River Road, Manchester, NH 03104; or to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Muriel Mary LaRocque

Retired cafeteria worker from New Bedford

Muriel Mary (Pelletier) LaRocque, 82, of Andover and formerly of New Bedford, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the Wingate Nursing Home, Andover, after a long illness. She was the widow of Wilfred A. LaRocque.

Born in Dartmouth, the daughter of the late Andre Leon and Lillie (Leopointe) Pelletier, she was a longtime resident of New Bedford, moving to Lawrence 12 years ago.

She was a former member of St. Anne's Church. Mrs. LaRocque was also a member of St. Anne's Sodality.

She was formerly employed by the New Bedford School Department as a cafeteria worker at Roosevelt Jr. High.

Members of her family include three sons, Peter LaRocque of Lawrence, and

Paul and Wilfred LaRocque, both of New Bedford; one brother, Armand Pelletier of Arizona; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the Cabral-Lamoureux Funeral Home, 177 Cove St., New Bedford.

Helen R. Wesson

Had 13 great-grandchildren

Helen R. Wesson, 93, of Andover, died Monday, Jan. 9, at her winter home in Estero, Fla.

She was born June 6, 1912, in South Boston, to John and Agnes Hogan.

Members of her family include two sons, Charles Wesson and his wife Mary of Andover, and Robert Wesson and his wife Michelle of Vienna, Va.; a sister, Clare Crowley of Lynn; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was the widow of Henry Wesson and was also predeceased by five brothers and a sister.

Arrangements were held in Florida under the direction of Walter Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home in Bonita Springs, Fla.

Additional services and burial will be held in Andover at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Helen and Henry Wesson Scholarship Fund, c/o Merrimack College, North Andover, MA 01845.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

25 Years Ago — 1981

Five members of the Andover Savings Bank staff were elected to assistant treasurer positions at a recent corporation meeting.

Dr. William R. Harvey, president of Hampton Institute, will deliver Phillips Academy's 1981 Martin Luther King address. Dr. Harvey, a Harvard graduate who works to provide higher education opportunities for blacks, will deliver his speech in Kemper Auditorium. His address will be open to the public.

The Merrimack Valley monthly meeting of the Christian Women's Club will be held this Tuesday at Andover Country Club. The special feature guest, Beverly Sinatra, who worked as a flight attendant for American Airlines, will demonstrate the art of packing for a weekend of traveling.

The Andover Haven Associates have planned a trip to Arizona in March. Some of the sights to be viewed include the Painted Desert, the Petrified Forest, and the Grand Canyon.

The Andover Historical Commission recently received a grant of \$8,950 from the Department of the Interior to continue

its ongoing preservation efforts. This grant enables the commission to proceed with plans for a nine-month project in Preservation Planning and National Register nomination.

Andover Morrissey Taxi, the only Andover-based taxi service, closed Jan. 1, partially due to rising fuel costs.

The Andover Garden Club will have its January meeting at South Church this Tuesday. The program is entitled "Flowers in Recollection" and will feature reviews of past flower shows from the club's scrapbooks kept since 1927. Mrs. Louis J. Hoitsma will give a talk on bromeliads.

The Andover Series will begin its annual program with "The Wrong Gong Show" late this winter. The show will resemble its TV relative, *The Gong Show*, by having a community-known panel judge its entries. Contestants will compete for cash prizes in the following categories: Best Talent, Best Corporate Talent, Most Unusual Talent, and Most Unusual Corporate Talent.

A 22-year old Lawrence resident was arraigned in Lawrence District Court yesterday,

charged with the New Year's Day rape of a 19-year-old Haverhill resident on River Road in Andover.

10 Years Ago — 1996

The School Building Committee is considering briefly turning the new gym into classrooms to speed up the construction. By putting students in gymnasium classrooms, the building committee will provide the contractor with access to more of the rooms that must be renovated, such as the English and science classrooms.

Police Officer Richard O. Aumais is retiring after 35 years in the Andover police force. During his law enforcement career, Aumais made more than 100 arrests, was part of the largest drug-smuggling busts of its kind at the time, helped form a union, and dealt with Vietnam War protests.

The Philip Ciampa Salon and Day Spa opened at 28 Chestnut St. Specialties include a one-hour body massage and an herbal facial.

Twenty-five students from West Middle School attended the Team Harmony II conference at the Fleet Center, along

with 8,000 other students from around Massachusetts. The purpose of the conference is to abolish all forms of bigotry and violence. Participants listened to live music, speeches, and presentations from all four Boston pro sports teams.

More than 80 Andover students graduated from the Andona Society's babysitting course last month.

Third- and fifth-graders from Bancroft Elementary School learned all about birds of prey in a presentation by Jim Parks of Wingmasters. Parks brought five companions with him for the show: a barn owl, a great horned owl, a peregrine falcon, a red-tailed hawk, and a snowy owl.

The Andover Police Department received a call on Thursday at 3:22 p.m. from a man threatening to blow up the post office, claiming that six sticks of dynamite had been planted in a mailbox. The post office was evacuated while police and fire department officials searched the building. The building reopened at 4:45 p.m., with no explosives having been found.

The New England Classical Singers will hold mid-year auditions this Wednesday in the Andover High School band room. Participants will be asked to sing a familiar simple piece and to sight-read another piece.

The Addition Gallery of American Art at Phillips Academy is holding a watercolor exhibit, called "Places and Pleasures." Admission is free and open to the public.

The Andover Choral Society will hold its winter concert Sunday at First Calvary Baptist Church in North Andover. The group will perform three classical pieces: Handel's *Dixit Dominus*, Bach's *Cantata No. 196*, and John Blow's *Begin the Song*.

— Compiled by WHAT'S UP contributor Courtney Fiske

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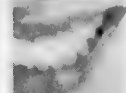
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EVENTS CALENDAR



Essex Art Center is featuring "Monhegan and More," the works of Ralph Bush, Kelly Haines and Mark Hayden (a detail from his *Monhegan Light* is above, at left), in its Main Gallery; and in the Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery, the objects, wall paintings and works on paper of Alfredo Conde (detail above, at right). Regular gallery hours are Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Essex Art Center is located at 56 Island St., Lawrence. Call 978-685-2343, or check out www.essexartcenter.com.

Thursday, January 19

Frosty's Magic Show, 10 a.m., free admission, Next Generation Children's Center of Andover, 516 South Main St.; 978-475-8010.

Harlem Wizards, a professional team of basketball players returns to Wood Hill Middle School, performing tricks and more as they take on the Andover All-Stars, featuring Wood Hill faculty members, 7 p.m., tickets \$10 at the door, Wood Hill Middle School, 11 Cross St.; 978-475-7819.

Community theater auditions, for the Concord Players' spring production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*, directed by Paul Miller, music directed by Susan Minor; adults' roles only, 7 p.m., Fenn School, 516 Monument St., Concord; www.concordplayers.org.

Friday, January 20

Chamber music concert, performed by Phillips Academy faculty members Judith Lee (violin), Jan Müller-Szeraws (cello) and Hwaen Ch'qui (piano), featuring works by Beethoven and Tchaikovsky, 7:30 p.m., free and open to the public, in the Timken Room at Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.; Elisa Martyn 978-749-4263.

Tsaadim Shabbat, a monthly Friday night service for children 6 years of age and younger, includes light kosher dinner, 6 p.m., suggested donation \$10 per family per Shabbat, reservations required, Congregation Beth Israel of the Merrimack Valley, 501 South Main St.; 978-474-0540.

SwingTown! benefit concert, the high-energy vocal band featuring students and faculty from St. John's Preparatory School offers a polished and eclectic blend of favorites, including everything from a cappella standards to oldies and rock, with proceeds to benefit The Inn Between in Peabody, a family shelter, 7-9 p.m., Kaneb Theatre, Alumni Hall, St. John's Prep, 72 Spring St., Danvers; Beth Forbes, 978-774-6727, Ext. 328.

Saturday, January 21

A cappella competition, the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA) presents its quarterfinal competition concert, hosted by the Barbershop Harmony Society's Patriot Division, and featuring a cappella groups from Worcester Polytechnic, Northeastern University, Boston University, and the univer-

sities of Maine and New Hampshire, 8 p.m., free and open to the public, Rogers Center for the Performing Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-688-6353 or the Rogers Center box office at 978-837-5355.

Film series, sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, featuring *The Birdcage*, starring Robin Williams, Nathan Lane, Dan Futterman, Calista Flockhart and Gene Hackman, free, 7 p.m., refreshments, 6 Locke St.; Rev. Ralph Galen 978-475-4454.

CD release concert, Pat Scanlon, self-proclaimed "blue state liberal," celebrates and introduces his new compact disc recording, accompanied by Willie Sordillo, Howie Tamower, Doug Rich, and many others, proceeds from kitchen sales to benefit the Merrimack Valley People for Peace, 8 p.m., \$15, North Parish Church Hall, 190 Academy Road, North Andover; 978-475-1776.

"Real Estate Staging Is Your Competitive Advantage," with



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Jackie Davis, who educates home sellers on how to prepare homes to sell quickly in today's real estate market, 7 p.m., free and open to the public, Memorial

Hall Library, Elm Square; 978-623-8401.

Symphony by the Sea, featuring classical guitarist John Muratore performing Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez*, as well as works by Bernstein, Mozart, Mahler, and Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No. 4*, 8 p.m., tickets \$35, \$31 for members of the Peabody Essex Museum, \$11 students, Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, Mass.; concert repeated Sunday, Jan. 22, 3 p.m., at the Governor's Academy (formerly Governor Dummer Academy), Byfield; 978-745-4055 or www.symphonybythesea.org.

Classic rock group, Yoke-shire performs, 8 p.m. to midnight, no cover charge, the Tap Restaurant and Brewpub, 100 Washington St., Haverhill; 978-374-1117 or www.tapbrewpub.com.

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Antiques Roadshow appraiser to make a stop in Andover

Time to clean out the attic, as old books are most welcome

By Judy Wakefield

WHEN PEOPLE HEAR KEN GLOSS IS COMING to a town to appraise rare books, he says they envision a glasses-wearing old man who spends his days cataloging in some stuffy basement office.

Boy is that wrong! Gloss is energetic, humorous and clearly loves what he does. Best-known as the owner of the Brattle Book Shop, 9 West St. in downtown Boston, Gloss, who appears on the PBS show *Antiques Roadshow*, is coming to Andover next week.

Local readers with rare books can meet him and see for themselves how entertaining he is.

And they can learn if their old books are worth \$1 – or thousands of dollars.

"Every day is a treasure hunt," said the fast-talking Gloss, who hits the road just about every day to visit estate sales, libraries and basements around the East Coast where he sifts through boxes and

WHAT: Treasures in Your Attic

WHO: Ken Gloss, owner of Brattle Book Shop, *Antiques Roadshow* book appraiser

WHEN: Next Thursday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m.

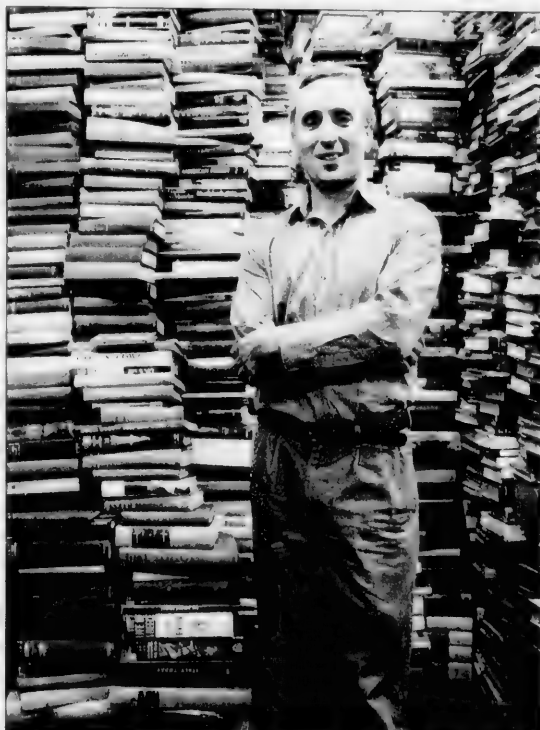
WHERE: Oliver Wendell Holmes Library, Phillips Academy

COST: Bring 1 or 2 books for a free appraisal

boxes of old books.

Last Thursday, the traveling appraiser drove to Staten Island, N.Y., then to Philadelphia, Pa., and then back to Boston.

"Got about 1,000 books," he said. "Sure, some will end up on the dollar table at the store, but that book will interest somebody. You just never know."



Ken Gloss (above, backed by old issues of *Life* magazine, and at left, surrounded by hundreds of old and rare books) owner of the Brattle Book Shop and *Antiques Roadshow* book appraiser, is coming to the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library at Phillips Academy next Thursday.

Next week, he's off to upstate Maine where the fifth edition of a book about George Washington is worth checking out as the president's cherry-picking experiences are written about. Another 80 boxes await Gloss in a Lynn warehouse and he'll visit that city, too.

He said the mystery of never knowing what he will find keeps him treasure-hunting. When he comes to town next week, he hopes people will bring books from their attics, basements, or wherever, because he looks forward to delivering his appraisals.

"About 95 to 99 percent of the time, I can tell people if it's worth anything on sight," he said. "And if I can't, I always get back to them the next day after I have researched it."

There's no easy way to put a

value on rare books, but Gloss cited a few examples of his "you just never know" experiences where he and the book owners were delighted with rare finds.

For example, a Wellesley couple brought him a copy of *The Catcher in the Rye*.

"Well, it was not in good condition, and, I thought it was not really worth anything – and then they opened it. It was signed by J.D. Salinger (the author) and he rarely signed books," said Gloss. "Within 30 seconds, that book went from the \$3 table to about \$30,000."

A road trip to Dover brought out someone with a stack of old papers. A copy of the Declaration of Independence, made about a week after the historic document

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TOWNSMAN COLORING CONTEST WINNERS



Isabel Dawson (left), 6, and Emily Tamarka, 8, were two of the three winners of the *Andover Townsman's* Holiday Coloring Contest. Along with Mackenzie Skwierczynski, 11, who wasn't present when the photos were taken, the three girls won in their respective age divisions (boys or girls 4 to 6, 7 to 9, and 10 to 12 years old) in the contest. The winners each received a gift certificate to Learning Express.

MATTHEW MONTEIRO, recent graduate of Andover High School, channels his love for music into a weekly radio show, called "Got Emo?"

In his first year at Saint Michael's College, the freshman applied for a radio program and received a slot on Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m.

Have iPod, will 'spin' tunes

AHS grad enjoys college life as radio show host in Vermont

Now in his sophomore year, Monteiro plays mostly emo ("emotional hardcore") musical genre) and punk music, in addition to answering relationship

questions from his peers.

Using his iPod, he creates a playlist, featuring bands such as Butch Walker, Early November, Brand New, and Taking Back

Sunday, which then is broadcasted on 88.7 WWPV-FM, the college station.

Monteiro also fields requests via instant messaging from his

listeners, who sometimes ask him to sing along with the likes of Kelly Clarkson, an appeal to which he usually acquiesces.

The program reaches the

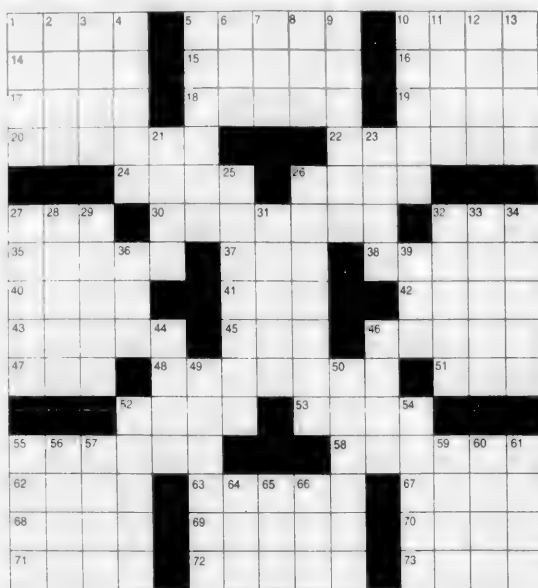
community of Saint Michael's, a college located in northwestern Vermont, as well as the greater Burlington community. Although the junior business-administration major does not picture himself becoming a radio jockey, he says he does want to have a job that involves music.

– Courtney Fiske
WHAT'S UP contributor

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

1. Lubricates
5. Chocolate substitute
10. Conversation
14. Soviet River
15. Soap _____
16. Western gray wolf
17. Story
18. Equipped with weapons
19. A way to look
20. Multiple pigeons
22. Measured
24. Rents
26. Blend
27. US time zone
30. Ginger's partner
32. Lace making verb
35. Got wind of
37. Raised railroads
38. Abode of mortals
40. Shrek
41. Mental ability
42. Deal out
43. _____ Gras
45. In the past
46. Scintillas
47. Unit of yarn
48. Stress overload
51. Between south and southeast
52. Soil
53. Covered by patella
55. Noisy insect
58. Diacritical mark
62. Aroma
63. Appellations



67. In some other way
68. Perspiration path
69. _____ Dunne
70. Cipher
71. Vehicle on runners
72. Blemished
73. Yoked group

CLUES DOWN

1. Selects
2. Mideast nation
3. Humdinger
4. Take by theft
5. Seashores
6. Month (abbr.)
7. Radioactivity unit
8. Mineral source
9. Annoy constantly
10. Veil or blur
11. British pig
12. Capable
13. Having toes
21. Jewelry part
23. Away from wind
25. Rear Window star
26. Erred
27. A way to masticate
28. George _____, actor
29. Leave slowly
31. Place in a row
32. Horse's gait
33. Geographic encyclopedia
34. Not those
36. Color of blood
39. Busy activity
44. Footnote abbreviation
46. An individual unit
49. Muse of astronomy
50. Not utilized
52. Defied
54. Choose
55. Nabs
56. Graven image
57. Center of object
59. Healing plant
60. Approves food
61. Pour out in large numbers
64. Part of a circle
65. Many males
66. Between northeast and east

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to the experienced investor, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$8, Shriner's Auditorium, Wilmington; 781-862-4039 or www.NEAntiqueShows.com.

Sunday, January 22

Andover Choral Society performs A Beethoven Gala, Allen Combs will conduct the 60-member chorus and a full orchestra that includes a piano solo by Christopher Walter and features solo performances by vocalists from the Greater Boston area, 3 p.m., \$15, Rogers Center for the Performing Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-688-6353 or the Rogers Center box office at 978-837-5355.

Sisterhood brunch and pottery decorating, sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel of the Merrimack Valley, 10 a.m.-noon, \$25, nonmembers welcome, at Look What I Made, 4 Lowell Road (corner of routes 28 and 62), North Reading; Jamie Brown 978-794-2004.

Magnificat debuts, "Magnificat" is a new choral organization "existing solely for singing the praise of God in Anglican choral evensong." Mark Engelhardt directs the chorale in Richard Ayleward's *Responses*, Orlando Gibbons's *Canticles*, and Luca Marenzio's *Tribus Miraculis*, 4 p.m., free and

open to the public, Grace Church, 365 Essex St., Salem, Mass.; 978-744-2796.

Community Barn Dance, featuring old-time dances everyone can do, called by Jacqueline and Dudley Laufman, distinguished fiddlers and callers, 1-3 p.m., \$5 per person, \$15 per family, Derry Masonic Hall, 58 East Broadway (next to the Derry Public Library), Derry, N.H.; Derry Montessori School 603-432-8345.

Symphony by the Sea, 3 p.m., see entry for Saturday, Jan. 21.

Antiques Festival, adults 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., see entry for Saturday, Jan. 21.

Monday, January 23

No events listed.

Tuesday, January 24

No events listed.

Wednesday, January 25

No events listed.

Thursday, January 26

"Treasures in Your Attic: Old and Rare Books", Kenneth Gloss, proprietor of the nationally-known Brattle Book Shop in downtown Boston will discuss his trade, illustrated with several examples from the store's private collection, and featuring a verbal appraisal for "any volumes the public want to know about," 7 p.m., free and open to the public, in the library on the campus of Phillips Academy; 1-800-447-9595 or www.brattle-bookshop.com.

Friday, January 27

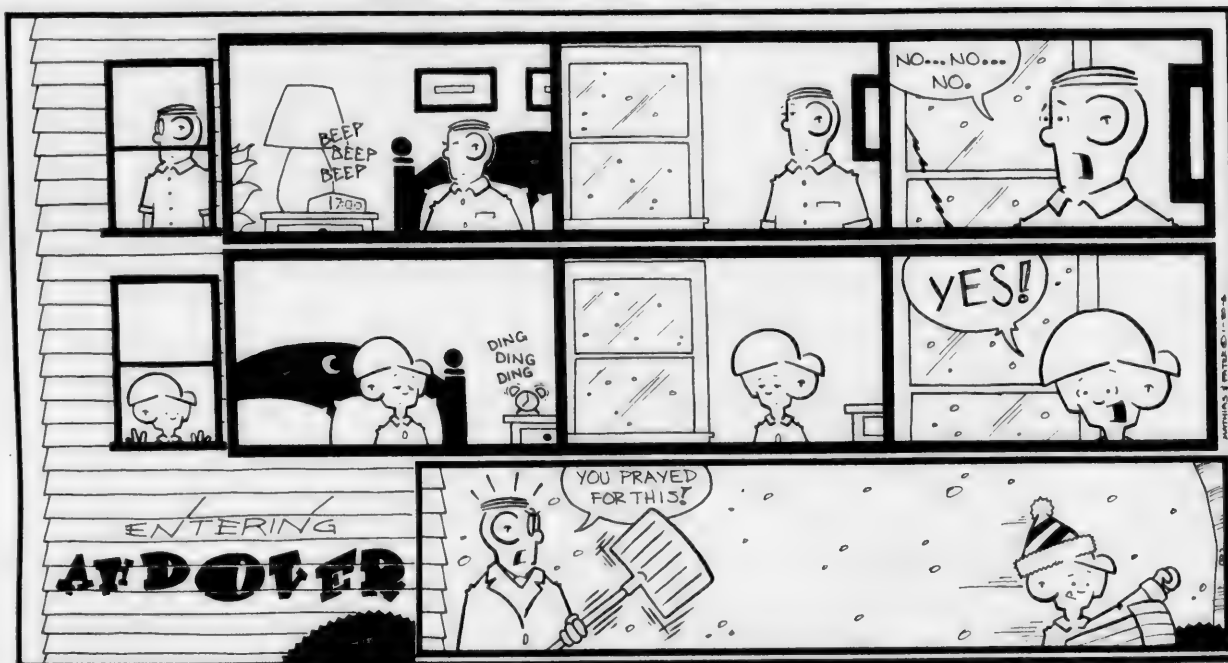
Addison Gallery opening receptions, two new shows on exhibit through early spring are being celebrated with opening receptions, which begin at 5:30 p.m.; *Portraits of a People: Picturing African Americans in the 19th Century*, a traveling show featuring over 100 images made of (and by) African Americans in various media; and *Young America: The Daguerreotypes of Southworth & Hawes*, which features the largest and most comprehensive exhibit of the work of two of the finest practitioners of fine art portraiture using daguerreotype photography, free admission, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, corner of Route 28 and Chapel Avenue; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

Mozart's birthday at Phillips Academy, the first of three weekend concerts celebrating the composer's 250th birthday will be a faculty chamber music recital, 7:30 p.m., free and open to the

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public, in the Timken Room at Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.; Elisa Martyn 978-749-4263.

Ain't I a Woman, an on-stage production celebrating the life, times and works of four powerful African American women: fiery abolitionist Sojourner Truth, novelist and anthropologist Zora Neale Hurston, folk artist Clementine Hunter, and civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer, presented by the Core Ensemble and feature actress Liz Mikel, 7 p.m., \$10, \$5 students, Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover, 978-470-3445.

Singles dance, sponsored by the Single Life of Greater Haverhill, 8

p.m. to midnight, \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers, at the American Legion Post 4, Route 121, Haverhill; Cindy Murphy 978-373-3504.

Saturday, January 28

More Mozart at Phillips Academy, the second of three weekend concerts celebrating the composer's 250th birthday will be an Academy Chamber Music society performance of works by Mozart, Shoenfeld, Fauré and Mark O'Connor, 7 p.m., free and open to the public, in the Timken Room at Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.; Elisa Martyn 978-749-4263.

Family night at the movies, monthly event sponsored by the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation in

Andover, features *Madagascar* and a kid-friendly potluck supper, free, dinner at 5 p.m., movie at 6 p.m. with popcorn, chairs and cushions available, 6 Locke St.; 978-475-4454.

Sunday, January 29

Meet the artist at Andover Historical Society, featuring the exhibit in the reception area, "Bits & Pieces

of Fanciful Fiber" by Debb Putnam, one in the Contemporary Andover Artists Series; Putnam, an Andover resident for the past 17 years, fuses fabric, felt, quilting technique, embroidery, roving, netting, beads and paper into dramatic wall hangings; she will be on hand at 2 p.m., \$5 museum admission, \$3 for students and seniors, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236; www.andhist.org.

Book appraiser here next week

KEN GLOSS

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was created, was in the stack. The appraised value was about \$250,000.

In New Hampshire, a woman brought Gloss a pile of school papers from her grandmother, and the papers had lots of notations

"Well, those notations were by a teacher named Robert Frost," Gloss said. "And worth about \$2,000 to \$5,000."

But not all book owners see dollar signs when they show Gloss a rare book or stack of old papers. And, they are not disappointed, he said.

"People just want to know and they are just as happy when they find out something is not of value," he said. "Like the couple who had a very old children's book ... when they found out it had no value, they were fine," Gloss said. "They could then give it to a grandchild instead of won-

dering about cashing it in to pay some college tuition. At least they found out."

Gloss said event-goers can expect to hear him discuss his trade for about 45 minutes and then begin appraising. People should bring one or two books to be appraised for free. He will also

take questions from the audience.

People who want to hang over his shoulder during his appraisals of rare books brought by others are most welcome, he said.

"Books are fun," said Gloss, who has an entire set of *Life* Magazines.

He also owns a 1912 scorecard from the World Series and a sales brochure for the *Titanic*, which he plans to bring to Andover.

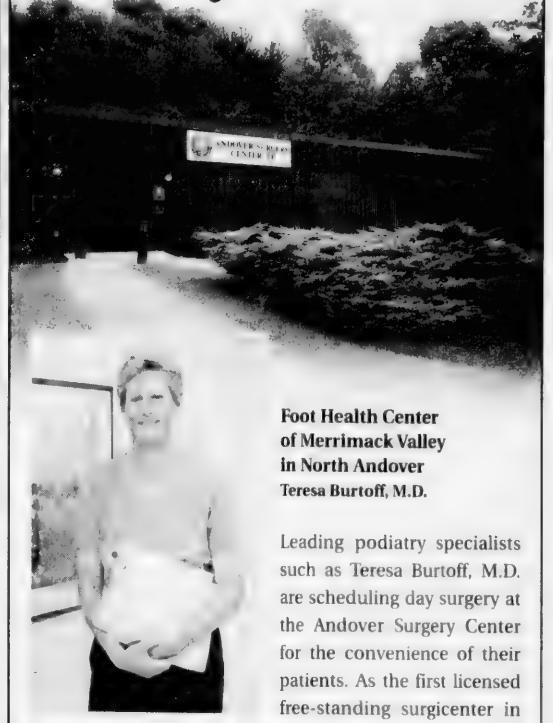
"New England homes are treasure troves for old books," he said. "People should bring anything they want to know about."



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Dr. Christopher R. Condon received his Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.) degree from the world's largest chiropractic school, Life University in Marietta, Georgia. Dr. Condon was an active member of the school's study club, Chiropractic Biophysics (CBP) and was an author of several articles on healthcare. Dr. Condon was the Editor-in-Chief of the university's school newspaper, The Elan Vital. While editor, Dr. Condon authored dozens of articles covering topics ranging from the study of various techniques to nutrition and exercise. Furthermore, also while a student, Dr. Condon used his experiences in patient education to publish an instructional manual for his fellow classmates in examining methods for better practice management and communication techniques. Due to clinical excellence, he was able to complete his clinical rounds while still in school, one year ahead of schedule.

In June 2000, Dr. Condon opened his first office, Andover Spine Center. Currently he is the owner and director of the clinic and is the chief doctor in the office completing thousands of patient examinations, x-rays and office visits, personally, every year since the opening of the clinic. By 2004, Dr. Condon had established himself as one of the busiest chiropractic physicians in the Merrimack Valley and one of only approximately 15% of all practicing chiropractors to specialize in non-surgical spinal corrective care. Eliminating scoliosis, hump-back deformities, forward head carriage, etc., are the hallmark skills Dr. Condon offers his patients. Also, as a dedicated and enthusiastic fitness consultant, Dr. Condon uses his own experiences in athletics and bodybuilding to teach patients how to exercise and eat properly to enhance their spinal corrective care.

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AHS ROUNDUP

Wins keep piling up

A spectacular winter so far for varsity teams

By Rick Harrison

Both Andover High basketball teams qualified for the MIAA Division 1 North Tournament within the past week, while both ice hockey squads are on the brink of qualification.

Girls hoop, boys hockey, boys swim and dive, girls alpine ski, and boys track were all still undefeated at presstime — leading or sharing the lead in their respective leagues.

The spectacular overall won-lost-tied record of the 11 AHS varsity sports teams at the mid-point of the winter season is 59-8-2.

Big showdowns are upcoming within the next week for boys hoop (Lawrence), boys hockey (Tewksbury), girls gymnastics (Chelmsford) and girls hoop (Central Catholic).

ALPINE SKI

The Andover High girls alpine ski team remained undefeated with a 109-26 romp over Bishop Fenwick of Peabody, grabbing eight of the top 10 places in the North Shore League dual-meet at Bradford Hill.

The AHS boys went to 2-1 overall after splitting an NSL tri-meet, edging past North Andover, 72-63, and suffering a lopsided 102-33 loss to powerful St. John's Prep of Danvers.

Schedule

The Lady Warriors faced Haverhill in a dual meet yesterday (Wednesday), after *Townsmen* presstime, while the boys battle Bishop Fenwick this afternoon (Thursday) at Bradford (3:30 p.m.).

Andover girls 109 Bishop Fenwick 26

Michelle Guy led the way once again, finishing second overall, as the top five AHS placers were less than one second apart.

Guy completed her run in 21.48 seconds, followed by freshman Jackie Guy (3rd, 21.98), Cara Suglia (4th, 22.02), Carly Holstein (5th, 22.22) and Dani Liffman (6th, 22.37).

Also in the top 10 were Kayla Fosse (8th, 22.55), Cayley Christopher (9th, 22.71) and Julie Harker (10th, 22.96).

"This team has such potential," noted head coach Tom Busta. "Each week someone seems to step up. This meet it was Julie Harker coming out of nowhere to have one of her best races."

Rounding out the top 15 were Andover skiers Colleen Heath (11th, 23.01), Margaret Doherty (12th, 23.10), Kristina Fuerst (13th, 23.20), Claire Shapiro (14th, 23.58) and Amanda Carrington (15th, 23.64).

"The team has great depth," noted Busta. "The girls are working very hard — realizing they're capable of taking their performance to the next level."

Andover boys

Despite being overwhelmed by SJP, the boys edged North Andover by taking seven of the top 12 places.

Eric Heath was second versus the Scarlet Knights with a 19.78-second run, while Gavin Lynch took 4th in 20.16, Jake Stamas 6th in 20.26, Jason Dashtpeyma 7th in 20.31, Pete Webster 8th in 20.76, John Suglia 11th in 21.14 and Wil Suglia 12th in 21.25.

Mike Reed completed the AHS scorers versus NA with a 21.58 clocking for 14th.

The locals managed only four places against St. John's, with Heath 6th, Lynch 8th, Stamas 10th and Dashtpeyma 11th.

"We certainly had it handed to us by St. John's," admitted coach Busta. "They've been one of the top teams in the state every year for as long as I can remember."

"Our training paid off against North Andover. It was a terrific effort and a big win — our first over them since 2001."

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

The Andover High girls varsity hockey team took a huge step towards the North Metro League title this week, erasing a 2-0 third-period deficit with three clutch power play goals to overhaul archrival Billerica, 3-2, in their showdown at Phillips Academy's Harrison Rink.

That dramatic triumph, along with a 3-0 whitewash of Everett and 1-1 tie with nemesis Arlington High, left the Lady Warriors' skaters at 8-2-1 overall including 5-1-1 in league play.

Entering last night's (Wednesday) rematch at Everett, after *Townsmen* presstime, AHS was tied with Arlington atop the NCL standings while Billerica was third at 4-2.

"I'm pretty confident we can sweep our last three league games — which would assure us at least a share of the championship," said AHS head coach Bill McCarthy. "Billerica and Arlington have to play each other again — and if Billerica wins that game we could take the title outright."

Arlington's only NCL loss was to Billerica, while Arlington handed Andover its lone league setback (4-3) and AHS beat Billerica twice (4-1 earlier).

"We're getting a ton of shots in most games — but we need to do a better job of putting the puck in the net," said McCarthy. "There's been a lack of production from some of our forwards. We're a two-trick pony (Maria Nasta, Becky Cairns) right now."

The Andover girls have outscored the opposition by a wide 44-15 margin over its first 11 games, recording three shutouts (Waltham, Algonquin Regional, Everett) and holding five other teams to one goal each.

Prior to the second Everett game, Andover needed just three of a possible 18 points in its final nine games to qualify for the State Division 2 Tournament.

AHS was a semifinalist in the tourney the past two years.

Schedule

The Lady Warriors host Waltham this Saturday night at Phillips Academy (6 p.m.).

After that, five of the final seven AHS regular season games will be played away from home.

Scoring leaders

Maria Nasta, who is looking at a year of prep school before moving on to college in the fall of 2007, led the scoring parade with 17 goals and six assists through 11 games.

Becky Cairns, who recently joined Nasta in the career 100-point club, was not far behind with eight goals and nine assists.

Andover 3 Billerica 2

With first place in the league on the line, this was the biggest victory of the season to date.

"I could tell before the game the kids were ready," said coach McCarthy. "They're really coming together as a team — and a game like this builds character and leadership."

"There was no yelling and screaming necessary to get them fired up. I asked if they needed me to give a big motivation speech and they told me 'no.' So I said 'OK, I'll meet you on the bench.'"

Although the Lady Warriors were playing well, they trailed 2-0 after two periods as Alison Roy of Billerica popped in a rebound with 59.4 seconds left in the opening stanza and Alyssa Bunker scored during a scramble after an AHS defensive turnover at 8:37 of the second.

The locals' comeback started when Capt. Maria Nasta scored during a 5-on-3 power play just nine seconds into the third session.

"A sweet shot from the top of the face-off circle," said McCarthy. "We should have been shooting low all night on their goalie — but until the third period we didn't."

Capt. Becky Cairns and freshman forward Heather Paonessa assisted on Nasta's tally.

Freshman defenseman Danielle Paonessa tied it 2-2 with another power play connection at 3:45, assists on the rebound goal to Nasta and junior blueliner Becky Johnson.

Nasta notched the game-winner on the power play at 13:04, with just 1:56 remaining, as she punched home another rebound with assists to junior forward Alison Burns and Cairns.

"The last two minutes were chaotic — but we managed to hold on for the win," said McCarthy.

Christina Cahill made 10 saves and withstood frantic Billerica's late fury, while the Indians' Nicole Cataldo had 15 stops as AHS finished with an 18-12 shooting edge.



Andover goalie Christina Cahill keeps her eyes on the puck. Andover beat Billerica, 3-2.



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Andover's leading scorer, Maria Nasta (at right), brings the puck up ice around a Billerica defender. Andover won, 3-2. Through 11 games, Nasta has 17 goals and six assists.

"This was a landmark game for us," said McCarthy. "The past two years we were 26-0 when we scored the first goal and 0-6 when we didn't. With this comeback win we turned the corner on that statistic."

"Nasta, Cairns and Becky Johnson barely left the ice the entire game — playing between 35 and 40 minutes each."

"We also had terrific efforts from (senior defenseman and Assistant Capt.) Ally Brown and both Paonessas," said McCarthy.

Andover 3 Everett 0

The only thing that kept this game close was spectacular goaltending by Jessica Westgate of visiting Everett.

She turned aside 50 of the Lady Warriors' 53 shots, while Christina Cahill had to make only 10 stops in the AHS net to record the team's third shutout.

Although it was like pulling teeth, the locals scored once in each period on the way to victory.

Becky Cairns connected at 14:55 of the opening stanza, assists to junior forward Alison Burns and Maria Nasta.

Nasta made it 2-0 with an unassisted goal at 1:06 of the second frame.

Nasta wrapped up the offense at 13:00 of the final period, junior blueliner Becky Johnson and Cairns collecting the assists.

Andover 1 Arlington 1

The Lady Warriors, trying to avenge a 4-3 loss to the Spy Ponders earlier this season, had to settle for the tie after the clubs exchanged first-period goals just 48 seconds apart.

Arlington inched ahead 1-0 at 13:28 on a goal by Rachel White, but Becky Cairns retaliated at 14:16 with setups to Maria Nasta and Heather Paonessa.

"We knew from our first game with Arlington that their goalie was weaker to the blocker pad side," said coach McCarthy. "Becky went there with the shot from the top of the circle on her goal — but after that we didn't test her enough on that side."

Christina Cahill made 13 saves as Andover finished with another wide 30-14 shooting advantage.

A bitter rivalry is brewing between these teams.

This game was punctuated by 19 penalties, 12 against Arlington including two misconducts.

"It was a rough game," said McCarthy. "There's no love lost."

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

The Andover High boys varsity ice hockey team remained undefeated, with an 8-0-1 overall record and 4-0 Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Division 2 mark, thanks to a pair of convincing victo-

ries over Division 1 Billerica (6-1) at the Valley Forum and host Methuen (5-0) at the Methuen High rink.

The win over traditional power Billerica is believed to be the first for the Golden Warriors over BMHS in two decades — and only the third in the last 30 years.

Impressively, the satisfaction of beating Billerica did not affect the performance against Methuen 72 hours later.

"This is a good group of kids," said AHS head coach Mario Martiniello. "They have their heads on straight. No matter what our record or who we beat — they won't get cocky or over-confident."

The shutout of Methuen was the team's first of the season, and Andover also held six of its first nine opponents to one goal and two others to two while maintaining a wide 49-10 overall scoring edge on the opposition.

Six of the first eight wins came by margins of five goals or more.

After the Methuen game, AHS needed just three of a possible 22 points in its final 11 games to qualify for the MIAA Division 2 North Tournament.

Schedule

The Golden Warriors played a non-leaguer against Gloucester last night (Wednesday) at the Talbot Rink, and return home Saturday night for the first of four straight games at the Valley Forum with Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Division 2 foe Tewksbury providing the opposition (8 p.m.).

The rest of the homestand features Division 1 Central Catholic (next Wednesday, 8 p.m.), Boston Latin (Jan. 28 at 8 p.m.) and Division 3 power Lowell (Feb. 1 at 6 p.m.).

AHS then plays five in a row on enemy ice.

Scoring leaders

After nine games, senior first-line center and Capt. Matt Colby, who is looking at several prep schools (Cushing Academy, Canterbury) or Junior hockey as possibilities next year, led the AHS point parade with 11 goals and 13 assists.

A.J. Drivas had eight goals and 13 assists, followed by Tucker Mullin with five goals, 10 assists, John Hyslip six goals, seven assists and Joe Benedix three goals, seven assists.

Andover 6 Billerica 1

Sleeping giant Billerica remained dormant as Andover recorded the rare victory over the visiting Indians at the Valley Forum.

"Before the game we were reminded that we hadn't beaten Billerica in a long time," said coach Martiniello. "It hasn't been commonplace for Andover to beat Billerica — but I think that's going to change."

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AHS ROUNDUP

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

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"We did a lot of the big things well tonight – but there are still a couple we need to improve on. You should never be completely satisfied. We want to be clicking on all cylinders in February and March. Your best hockey should come in the tournament," said Martiniello.

Andover jumped out to a 3-0 lead on first-period goals by A.J. Drivas, Austin Gilbert and John Hyslip.

Drivas and Gilbert scored less than two minutes apart before the game was six minutes old, and Hyslip converted a Drivas setup with 42 seconds left in the stanza.

Billerica freshman Connor Toomey made sure the shutout bid went by the boards, netting the lone Indians' goal with 16 seconds remaining in the first.

The locals continued to dominate in the middle session, holding once-mighty Billerica to two shots while increasing the lead to 5-1 on Gilbert's second tally of the game at 4:44 and senior defenseman Andrew Gatti's first goal of the season with 56 seconds to go.

The goal of the night was added by Matt Colby to cap the attack early in the final period (3:41).

"It was a jaw-dropper," said Martiniello. "He (Colby) skated in on the off-wing, took the puck on his forehand side, put on the brakes, stopped on a dime and tucked a quick shot into the upper corner."

Capt. Mike Lamagna passed out two assists while Colby, Drivas, Hyslip, Colin Brennan, Tucker Mullin, Joe Benedix and Dan Godefroi had one each.

Goaltender Dan Abreau made 12 saves as Andover outshot Billerica in all three periods, including 11-2 in the second.

Andover 5
Methuen 0

The Golden Warriors started slowly, but

heated up over the final two periods with a pair of goals in the second and three more in the third.

AHS netminder Dan Abreau halted 16 shots for the team's first shutout.

"We were slow out of the gate – although we outshot Methuen 12-3 in the first period," said coach Martiniello. "We were not ready and Methuen competed well. They were ready to play from the opening faceoff. Once we got our legs going we were fine."

Matt Colby launched the scoring with the first of his two goals at 5:32 of the middle stanza, breaking a 0-0 tie, and three minutes later (8:40) P.J. Paonessa netted his first goal of the season.

Methuen's frustrations began to show in the final period – as they picked up several penalties and the locals responded with three rapid-fire power play goals.

Tucker Mullin connected at 2:23, Colby just 17 seconds later and Mullin again at 5:12 with the man advantage.

The last two goals were both the result of crisp passing, setting up one-timers that hit an open corner of the cage.

A.J. Drivas assisted on four goals, Mullin had two setups and other helpers were credited to Colby, John Hyslip and Dan Godefroi.

Andover again outshot the opponent in each period and finished with a wide 35-16 overall advantage.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The undefeated Andover High girls varsity hoop squad qualified for the MIAA Division 1 North Tournament for the 24th time in the last 27 years, clinching the berth with a resounding 66-30 romp over visiting Chelmsford at the Dunn Gym.

The Lady Warriors gained the spot as quickly as mathematically possible, at the midway point of the season after winning their 10th

straight game.

The victory boosted AHS to 10-0 overall and 6-0 in Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1.

Schedule

Andover plays only its second game in 13 days tonight (Thursday) at Billerica (7:30), and has another six-day gap before Central Catholic comes to the Dunn for a key battle next Wednesday night.

The unusual scheduling continues as Methuen will be at AHS the following night (Thursday).

Scoring leaders

Maggie Cosgrove tops the point parade through 10 games with 138, for a 13.8 average.

Meghan Thomann has 135 points, Lauren Hughes 75 and Laura Renfro 55 to round out the leaders.

Cosgrove now has 475 career points and Thomann 373.

Andover 66
Chelmsford 30

Shaking some early cobwebs after the six-day layoff – and an inevitable letdown after beating Lowell – AHS took a nine-point halftime lead (25-16) before outscoring the Lions 41-14 in the second half.

A dozen players contributed to the attack, with Meghan Thomann the only double-digit performer after dumping in 16 points.

Kasey and Kelly O'Dea contributed eight and seven points respectively, while Laura Renfro had six.

Notching five points each were Maggie Cosgrove, Jen Merinder and Camille Fantini.

Lauren Hughes and Jordy Shoemaker tossed through four points apiece, and solo baskets were added by Amanda Fantini, Emily Pallotta and Sara Kelleher.

The Lady Warriors' stingy defense limited Chelmsford to nine field goals in 32 minutes.

It was the sixth game where Andover's opponent scored 35 or fewer points.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Katie Infantine placed first on balance beam and in floor exercise, with personal-best scores in both events, and registered a career-best 36.20 all-around as the Andover High girls gymnastics team recorded a season-high point total in a 139.90 to 137.50 non-league dual-meet victory over visiting Westford Academy Tuesday night at the Dunn Gym.

Infantine's monster performance came in her return from an injury that had forced her to miss the previous dual meet versus Dracut – a rare loss for the Lady Warriors who dropped a 139.00 to 133.60 Merrimack Valley Conference decision to the undefeated Middies.

The locals were actually missing their top two all-arounds against Dracut, with Christina Muccio also on the shelf.

Both ill-timed injuries occurred in a non-league quad-meet, where individual wins by senior Capt. Sarah Coneeny, freshman Kristen Coneeny, junior Becky Robichaud and sophomore Muccio sparked a sweep of host Acton-Boxboro, Lincoln-Sudbury and Marlboro.

Andover finished with 133.60 points while A-B had 131.75, L-S 128.75 and Marlboro 125.40.

All the recent results left co-head coaches Julie Chapman and Lindsey Rudolph's busy AHS crew at 6-1 overall and 2-1 in MVC meets.

The loss to Dracut was only the second in 63 dual meets since 1999, and just the seventh in the last 130 for Lady Warrior teams.

Muccio, having missed Dracut and Westford, is out indefinitely but appears to be mending quickly.

"Christina suffered a severe ankle sprain," reported Chapman. "The ankle is in an air cast that's supposed to stay on for two weeks. It's already been over a week, the strength is coming back and Christina is in pretty good spirits."

"Tuesday night at the Westford meet she was walking much better and even wanted to swing on the (uneven) bars."

"Katie's injury came as she was doing a jump during her floor routine early in the (quad) meet and she just landed wrong," said Chapman. "She wanted to do a double-full (tumble pass) – and wrenched her neck and back in the fall."

"She still competed on bars and vault – but that night the doctor told her she'd suffered a form of whiplash."

There is never a good time for injuries – but this double dose couldn't have come at a worse juncture of the season.

"We had to go into the Dracut meet without our two all-arounds," said Chapman. "Dracut has been scoring in the high 130's so we knew our chance of winning was slim."

Coaches Chapman and Rudolph toyed with using a watered-down lineup against Dracut – to give some of the backups added experience.

But the kids vetoed the idea.

"They wanted to go for a score with the best possible group available," said Chapman. "Without Christina and Katie, we probably lost two points on bars and another one-and-a-half in floor – which means we would have been pushing a 137 but still wouldn't have won."

"We never want to lose. It's tough to swallow. But to score 133.60 without those two was impressive and encouraging."

As the *Townsmen* went to press a share of the MVC dual-meet title was still a possibility for the locals.

Chelmsford, Dracut and Andover are the three teams in serious contention.

Chelmsford and Dracut met in a battle of the unbeaten last night – after deadline – and Andover travels to face Chelmsford next Monday night at Absolute Gymnastics Center in Tyngsboro (7 p.m.).

"If Chelmsford beats Dracut – and we beat Chelmsford and win our other three conference meets – we could share the title," said Chapman.

"You never know in this league. Strange things (upsets) have happened before and could

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AHS ROUNDUP

■ GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Continued from page 17

Chapman isn't crazy about meeting Chelmsford at a private club instead of the high school gym.

"I wish the meet was at home. Our (non-spring) floor would definitely throw them off and work to our advantage. It would probably psyche out their Level 10's."

The Lions, who have scored 142 or better three times this season, have four elite gymnasts including Ali Carr, Robin Underwood, Laura Kempton and Christy Diminico.

Schedule

AHS hosts Methuen tonight at the Dunn Gym (7 p.m.), and battles powerhouse Chelmsford (6-0) entering the Dracut meet) next Monday night in the Lions' den (7 p.m.).

Andover 133.60
Acton-Boxboro 131.75
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Marlboro 125.40

Sparking the sweep with individual victories were Sarah Coney, whose 8.8 on bars tied her personal-best, Kristen Coney in vault with an 8.6, and the Becky Robichaud, Christina Muccio who tied on balance beam at 8.7.

Kristen Coney also tied for second on bars (8.6), while Carly Verette was fourth in vault (8.3) and that pair tied for fourth in floor (8.7).

Katie Infantine registered an 8.4 in floor, 8.2 in vault and 8.0 on bars while competing through the injury.

Renee Coiro had a 7.7 on beam and 7.4 on bars, while Leah Psinos recorded a 7.6 on beam and 6.6 on bars.

Robichaud scored 8.6 in floor, Donna Lamontagne 8.0 on beam, Sarah Coney 8.2 in vault and sophomore Alyssa Geary a personal-best 8.2 in floor.

Others competing were Emily Benham (7.7) and Kathryn Sullivan (7.6) in vault, along with senior Sonal Mehta on

beam.
Andover once again did not enter an all-around.

Dracut 139.00
Andover 133.60

The Middies (4-0) swept all four first places and went 1-2 on the uneven bars and in vault.

Chalking up seconds for AHS with personal-best scores were sophomore Lauren Colby on balance beam (8.65) and Kristen Coney in floor exercise (9.25).

Kristen Coney added a third place on bars (8.1) and third in the vault (personal-best 9.0).

Becky Robichaud registered a personal-best 9.15 for fourth place in floor, and she also took third on beam (8.4).

Others competing for the Lady Warriors on bars were Sarah Coney (7.9), Renee Coiro (7.7), Carly Verette (7.2), freshman Leah Psinos (6.0) and sophomore Marilyn Fontaine (5.9).

Sophomore Kathryn Sullivan contributed an 8.0, Coiro 7.8, Psinos 7.5 and Capt. Donna Lamontagne 7.5 on beam.

Other scores in vault were Verette 8.5, Sarah Coney 8.4, Robichaud 8.2, Fontaine 8.0 and Sullivan 7.9.

Verette posted an 8.7 in floor, Psinos an 8.65, Sarah Coney 8.5 and Colby 8.5.

Kendra Groswald and Jade Noonan were the Dracut leaders.

Groswald took first in floor (9.35), on bars (9.3) and on beam (8.7), while Noonan was the top all-around at 34.95 which included 8.8 in vault, 8.8 on bars and 8.35 on beam.

Andover 139.90
Westford Academy 137.50

The return of Kate Infantine was a physical and psychological boost, especially when she responded by scoring a 9.3 for first place in floor exercise, a 9.2 (personal-best this season) on balance beam for first, an 8.9 on bars for second

and an 8.8 in vault for fourth.

"I kept asking Katie how she felt and she kept telling me 'fine,'" said Chapman. "It turned out to be one of her greatest meets."

"We were very pleasantly surprised with the 139.9. We put a tag of 137 on the meet. That was our target. We kept saying '137, 137' the whole meet. We shot for that and went well beyond it."

"Carly Verette had a good night and Leah Psinos had the kind of meet she should be having every time out," said Chapman. "She (Psinos) is a tremendous talent. She was more relaxed in this one and pulled her routines together. Even with a bobble on beam she did very well."

"Lauren (Colby) and Katie (Infantine) were the only ones that didn't fall off the beam - so we didn't have our best night there."

"We're still struggling on bars but we're getting better."

Kristen Coney contributed a first in vault with a personal-best 9.1, and she also charted 8.8 in floor and 8.3 on bars.

Verette was second in vault with a personal-best 9.05, while she and Becky Robichaud tied for third in floor at 9.0.

Verette added a 7.8 on bars and Robichaud scored 8.35 on beam and 7.95 in vault.

Sarah Coney tied for third on bars (8.7) and registered an 8.6 in vault, while Lauren Colby was fourth on beam (8.5).

Psinos checked in with a consistent 8.25 on beam, 8.2 in floor and 8.0 on bars.

Renee Coiro chalked up an 8.6 in floor and 8.05 on bars.

Competing in one event each were Donna Lamontagne (beam, 7.9), Kathryn Sullivan (beam, 7.1) and freshman Kelly Sullivan (vault, 8.3).

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Andover High boys varsity basketball team stretched its victory streak to five games with a 57-42 Merrimack

Valley Conference Division 1 victory over Lowell, but then lost an 89-79 non-league shootout at Brockton High before qualifying for the MIAA Division 1 North Tournament with a high-scoring 87-71 triumph over struggling host Billerica Tuesday night.

Those results lifted the Golden Warriors' overall record to 10-2, including 7-0 for first place in MVC 1.

Schedule

The locals return home to the Dunn Gym next Tuesday with hopes for some payback versus visiting Lawrence.

The once-beaten Lancers stamped past Andover, 92-71, in the Christmas Tournament semifinals on Dec. 28.

Scoring leaders

After 12 games, Casey Cosgrove led AHS with 210 points (17.5 average).

Greg Vetrano had 187, Bobby Hughes 123, Tristan Shannon 80 and Ian Dempsey 75.

Vetrano now has 862 career points and Cosgrove 640.

Andover 57
Lowell 42

The locals traded hoops with host Lowell for most of the first half, opening a nine-point lead at the break (27-18) after a 5-0 burst over the final 80 seconds.

The advantage stayed in the 10-point range for most of the second half, with no serious challenges by Lowell, until another late surge by AHS produced the final 15-point margin.

Casey Cosgrove led three Golden Warriors into double digits with 19 points, and he added five assists and a ball-hawking nine steals.

Greg Vetrano and sophomore forward Tristan Shannon contributed 10 points each, and Bobby Hughes had six points, eight rebounds and seven assists.

Ian Dempsey and Peter White netted four points each, Tyler Carroll pocketed a field goal and Chris Abreu converted a pair of free throws.

WHAT: Punchard/Andover High Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet.

WHEN: Friday, Jan. 20, 6 p.m.

WHERE: Andover Country Club.

TICKETS: \$40 (were on sale through Jan. 12).

Inductees: Susan Ashlock, Dick Collins, Lee Dziadosz-Metzger, Chris Eggert, Amy Heseltine, Justin Hesenius, Stacey Lavoie, Joe Marinaro, Charlotte Muller, Sarah Muller, Tim Perry, Robert Phinney, Jerry Stabile, Dick Swift, 1973-75 Super Bowl Football Teams.

MORE INFO: AHS Athletic Office, 978-623-8670.

Rafael Salado and Matt Welch led the answering fire for Lowell, which had won five of its previous six games, with 14 and 12 points respectively.

Andover 87
Billerica 71

The Golden Warriors threw caution and defense to the wind, participating in their second breakneck-paced shootout in three days.

The issue was never in doubt as AHS rolled up 51 first-half points, taking a 51-33 lead at the half.

Greg Vetrano, moving closer to becoming the second 1,000-point career scorer in the family, poured through a season-high 29 points while Casey Cosgrove added 20. Both also numbered six three-pointers among their field goal collection.

Tristan Shannon also reached double digits with 15 points, while Bobby Hughes and Peter White dumped in eight points each, Tyler Carroll four, Ian Dempsey two, and Sam Ball a free throw.

The 87 points were a season-high for Andover, whose only two losses this season have come when they scored more than 70.

Struggling Billerica (1-10), which managed only two trifectas to

Andover's dozen by Vetrano and Cosgrove, kept the game reasonably close by converting 23 free throws.

Brockton 89
Andover 79

Two of the Top 10 teams in Eastern Mass. collided on the Boxers' home court, and the result was a high-scoring, free-wheeling and highly-entertaining game.

The tempo was not to Andover's liking, however, as the Golden Warriors can score with the best of them but haven't fared too well when the play gets too wide open.

However, saying you want to stop an ultra-talented and athletic crew like Brockton and doing it are often mutually-exclusive ideas.

The victory was the seventh straight for the Boxers (7-1), whose only loss came in the season opener against BC High.

Pacing the locals, who have held six opponents including Central Catholic below 50 points this winter, were Casey Cosgrove with 22 points, Bobby Hughes 20 and Greg Vetrano 15.

Cosgrove was also credited with 12 rebounds, five assists and five steals. Hughes had 11 boards, four assists, four steals and Vetrano seven assists.

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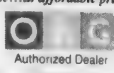
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LOST: Camera, Kodak Easy Share, vicinity Rockingham Park Mall, Salem, NH. Thurs. Call 978-373-7849.

LOST CAT - Aly, white/grey Siamese, white paws. Male, neutered, 5 yrs old. Down- town Beverly, corner Ab- bott/Brown Sts. REWARD, no questions asked. 978-836-6586.

LOST CAT - "Lily" S/F Muted Tortie last seen 12/23 Main St. Haverhill. Very shy. If seen or found please call Elaine at 603-929-6396.

LOST: Cat, long-haired, do- mestic, orange, white, double pawed, 18-20 lbs., male, vicinity of Sunnyside Street, Methuen, MA. 978-689-3184.

LOST CAT - Missed kitty 2. Female, black & grey tiger stripes. White belly & paws. Missing around Adams Pond Rd. area in Derry. Lst 1/9 (403)437-6894.

LOST Cat on New Year's from Bowdoin area. Female black/grey same orange & white. 978-283-2744.

LOST CAT since New Year's, downtown Lawrenceville, Gloucester. "Skittles" a large neutered male, green eyes, grey/white stripes. If seen please call us. 978-282-0616.

LOST: cat, white & black, long hair, female, on 12/29, Frye Road, Methuen. Childs pet, responds to "Kelly". 978-685-9587.

LOST Christmas Eve at Hawthorne Hotel, Salem, MA. Kodak digital camera in black case. Please call 603-683-4073.

LOST: Diamond and Sap- phire bracelet, vicinity of South Union Street, Law- rence or Blue House Pizza, Salem, NH, since Friday. 978-685-9528 to identify.

LOST DOG: Chocolate lab, female, area of No. Salem, NH. 7 years old, 70 pounds. Any information please call 603-893-1820.

LOST: EARRING, 7 sapphire stones, Small Reward, North Shore Mall, Peabody, MA. 978-531-2397.

Lost Ferret Albino, tattooed, male, 1/4006 Salem, MA. Lafayette St. Call 978-745-2345 or 617-314-3449 (cell phone).

LOST orange tiger cat, neutered, med. hair, Microchip. Last seen on 9/28 Boardwalk area. 978-373-3086.

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LOST: Orange & white tabby cat, "Johnny" about 1 yr. old, Barbeau Terr. area Newburyport. 978-270-9549.

LOST PUG - Female, 15 yrs old, deal beige with black face, 25 lbs. Lst on Wind- ham/Derry line near Ford- way. Please call 603-235-0531.

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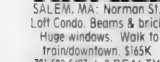
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commute includes heat/water
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bright 2 bedroom in nice
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in complex. \$900/mo.
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or 3 bedrooms, 2nd floor, re-
cently renovated, 2000-2250/
weekly. Heat included, park-
ing, no dogs. Call 603-929-1664

KINGSTON, NH: 2 bedroom,
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2nd floor, parking for 1 car.
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rity. \$1,000. 603-571-9247

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3 bedrooms, 1.5 bath, off street
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St \$1200/mo No utilities in-
door cat ok 603-432-9944

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country setting, parking. No
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rity. 978-887-5

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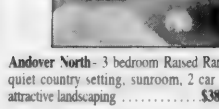
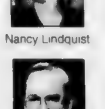
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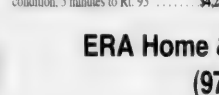
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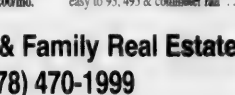
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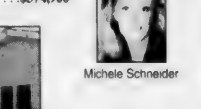
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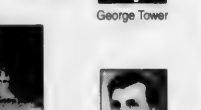
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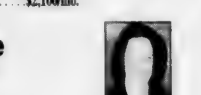
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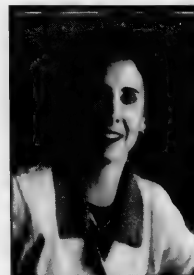
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THE BACK PAGE

No chestnuts in this column



Bill Dalton

..... I grew up on Chestnut Street in Andover. Longfellow's poem and the street in Andover refer to the American chestnut tree, as does Mel Tormé's nostalgic 1946 *The Christmas Song* with the line "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire..."

You will not find an American chestnut tree either in Andover or Longfellow's hometown, Cambridge. Nor will you find American chestnuts roasting on open fires. The trees and their chestnuts are gone from those places and have all but disappeared from everywhere else. A species that dated back 300 million years was essentially wiped out in less than 50 years.

At the turn of the 20th Century, the American chestnut tree was the dominant tree in most of the eastern United States, including all of southern New England and Massachusetts. There were four billion American chestnut trees, and they were 25 percent of all trees in its dominant range. In the rural East, especially the Appalachians, the trees were a major source of income. The nuts, enjoyed by people in huge quantities, were used to fatten prime livestock. Many homes had chestnut roasters for use in the fireplace; these roasters can be found in antique stores today.

The trees were excellent for lumbering, and they quickly repopulated. The wood was without match: harder, straighter, and lighter than other hardwoods. In its finished form, American chestnut wood has a straight grain and is beautiful. Because it was both common and gorgeous, it was used for everything, including clocks, coffins, railroad ties, houses and barns.

Where maples stand today in Andover, there may have been chestnut trees. In fact, on streets where maples are getting old, those maples were likely planted to replace dead American chestnut trees. Chestnut trees were more handsome than maples, and broader and taller than all hardwoods. Healthy chestnut trees had straight trunks that rose as much as 20 feet before their branches began. They were especially pretty when flower-

ing in the spring. The strings of blossoms covering the tree were small and creamy, and entire vistas would be cream-colored for days. In virgin forests, the average mature trees had five-foot diameters and often reached 100 feet in height. It wasn't uncommon for a tree to live 600 years, and one ancient giant in the Carolinas grew to be 17 feet in diameter.

When I was a boy, my father took us walking in the woods, often near Holt or Prospect Hill, to hunt for an American chestnut tree. He loved the trees as a child and young man and wanted to find a survivor. We'd sometimes find chestnuts on the ground, but he'd know immediately that it wasn't from an American chestnut tree. He'd say it was from another kind of chestnut tree and comment how inferior that tree was to the American tree. As we grew older and the hunts continued, he despaired of ever finding his elusive tree and never did. In fact, more than a decade before I was born the American chestnut had all but disappeared from New England and by 1950, when I was 7, it was wiped out of existence, except for the extremely rare find.

So where did all the American chestnut trees go? Why would a tree whose history was so ancient and whose wood was so rot-resistant disappear in less than five decades? The answer is "cryphonetia parasitica," commonly called "Asian chestnut blight," "chestnut blight," or occasionally "chestnut fungus."

Although there is a mystery as to whether the blight entered the United States on Japanese chestnut trees introduced in 1876 or on Chinese chestnuts introduced in 1900, there is no doubt that the blight was discovered at the Bronx Zoo in New York in 1904. The Oriental trees were resistant to the blight but were carriers. Microscopic fungus spores were and still are carried by wind, birds, and insects, and they enter small wounds in their victims and rapidly kill them by destroying the cambium beneath the bark. So quickly did the blight spread that the species was almost completely destroyed in less than five decades. The experience with the American Chestnut led to the "Plant Quarantine Act of 1912," which requires imported plants to undergo a waiting period and testing before being introduced into the United States.

The rare surviving American chestnut trees living today are very important (one of them was found a few years ago in Vermont). A biological control imported from Europe in 1972 helps keep those trees alive for breeding. Projects are underway to produce disease-resistant American chest-

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nut trees. The American Chestnut Cooperator's Foundation and the American Chestnut Foundation are two worthy nonprofits, each taking a different approach, and can be found online. You can obtain seeds and seedlings from them.

Why bother bringing it back? The return of the tree to its native range is not simply an act of nostalgia. The tree was an important part of American flora, economically and esthetically. There are predictions that the tree again can be an important part of the ecology in the East within 50 years. In a nutshell, it was America's best, most important tree, and it may be again.

A closing note: Longfellow's tree mentioned in "Village Blacksmith," a poem that generations of schoolchildren memo-

rized, was on Brattle Street in Cambridge. It was removed during Longfellow's life (well before the blight), and the children of Cambridge gave their pennies to build a chair out of the tree and gave it to Longfellow. If anyone knows where that chair is today, I'd be curious to know. I can be reached at billdalton@billdaltononline.com.

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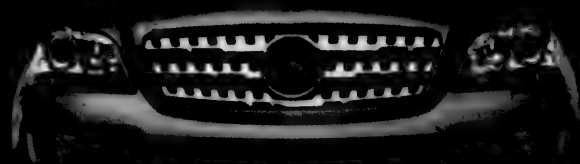
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HOME IMPROVEMENT

What's in *your* toolbox?

By Judith Bright

A better question might ask whether the reader even owns a toolbox. After all, if one doesn't intend to make any repairs around the house, what would be the point?

Handyman business owner Ed Collard, who was being taped for an episode of Comcast Channel CN8's *American Builder*, recommends that every person have a toolbox filled with a basic set of tools – and that they know the business end of each one.

Collard and his partner, Andover resident Doug Coyle, operate the House Doctors Handyman Services in a territory that stretches from Andover to Gloucester in the north and as far south as Beverly and Burlington.

Although it seems a bit counterintuitive for Collard to recommend that homeowners supply themselves with a set of tools, he seems unconcerned about the possibility that homeowners armed with tools might eliminate the need for his services.

"There are always going to be those small tasks and fix-its that pop up on a weekend," he says. "Some jobs are more practical for homeowners to do for themselves, if they only have the right tools."

The cobbler's children

Turns out, Collard is currently in the process of assembling a home toolbox of his own – sort of.

"My toolbox is parked outside," he says, referring to the House Doctors van in the parking lot next to his office on Locust Street in Danvers. "But my wife is always complaining that, whenever she needs a hammer or a screwdriver, there isn't



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

A minimum set of tools that homeowners should keep around the house for small projects and repairs includes a roomy toolbox with drawers, an electric drill and a pair of safety glasses.

one in the house. So I am putting a box together for her."

When starting a toolbox, Collard says, don't overlook the box itself. "Get a good-sized box with a handle and the various trays – one that's big enough that it won't fill up with a handful of tools." Although he rec-

ommends getting one that could double as a stepstool, it may not be easy to find one.

The basic tools that will accomplish most small home repairs start with the obvious:

Hammer – A curved-claw is needed for pulling out nails. A "ball-peen" hammer is used for

metal working, and a straight-claw won't work well with nail-pulling. Expect to spend \$15-20.

Screwdrivers – A homeowner should have at least one each of flat and phillips-head drivers to deal with various screws. Sets that come with a single handle and interchange-

able heads are relatively inexpensive, and have more than enough choices to fit any job the casual household handyman is likely to encounter.

Tape measure – A 25-foot length is adequate for virtually anything around the house, says Collard, and "getting one that

locks the tape in position is very useful because one person can do the measuring. There's no need to have another person on the other end of the tape."

Crescent wrenches come in sets that will fit all the standard sizes a consumer is likely to need. These are especially useful in assembly work such as kit furniture, bicycles, even some minor plumbing.

Vise grip – This type of wrench is another tool that stands in for a human helper. The locking teeth can be set to hold an object in place, freeing both hands for other work.

Electric drill – A hand drill is very difficult for an amateur to control, and, with an appropriate set of bits, the electric drill also doubles as a power screw driver.

Needlenose pliers – An all-purpose tool with jaws that can open for sizable objects and pointed teeth that can pick up thin wire.

Utility knife – Get the type with a retractable blade for safety. This knife is invaluable for everything from linoleum cutting to trimming bits of wood from any project.

Allen wrenches – An inexpensive set is handy for assembling furniture kits, for hobbies and for plumbing applications.

Handsaw – A saw is needed for many simple projects, such as cutting boards for shelves, dowels for closet rods.

Stud finder – Though this is nice to have, other techniques are possible. (See box on page 3A for another way to find a stud.)

Level – A two-foot level will cover just about every task, including leveling bookshelves.

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No job too small

By Judith Bright

Some people say about the hobby of boating that "a boat is a hole in the water into which one pours money."

Homeowners might like a similar saying that would substitute "house" for boat and "air" for water. Truth is, there is always something around a house that needs adjustment, improvement or repair.

Home upkeep is a fact that has been known to drive people into condos after the kids are gone, not just to reduce space, but to eliminate the chores associated with maintaining a home. Part of the reason is the difficulty involved in finding competent help with chores that are small, and fall under the radar of most licensed contractors.

Such as changing a light bulb. Sound silly? Not if one's foyer has a chandelier 18 feet above a stairwell. Most homeowners are not going to own a ladder that would reach such a fixture. Many won't want to find themselves that high off the ground.

Another reason people call a handyman, says Ed Collard, owner-operator of House Doctors Handyman Services, is a growing list of minor chores that just seem to never get done.

"People are busier than ever these days," he says, "and that's the most frequent call we get: a lot of minor items that are affecting the quality of life in the home, but that no one can find time to do."

"Doors that don't work, windows that won't open – or won't close after they're opened – such things make a big difference in people's comfort level in their own homes. That's when the cost is worth it," he says.

You be the judge

Yet there are projects that most individuals can do around the house with just a little help, according to Collard.

Sometimes it's a matter of having the right tools. "Every homeowner should keep a minimum toolbox with some basic tools for minor repairs," says Collard. (See box on page 2A for a list of tools Collard recommends that homeowners keep around the house.)

"A lot of it is overcoming fear," says Collard. "People are afraid of mistakes, of making a mess. They are afraid that doing something wrong is worse than doing nothing at all. Yet my experience has been the opposite. It's often better to at least try to do something."

Sometimes all it takes is a little professional advice from someone like Collard. "If it's something we think the homeowner can do on his own, we're going to say so. And we won't hesitate to (verbally) walk him through it," he says.

Ultimately, says Collard, it is the individual's decision as to what they can handle or not handle on their own. "Literally, no job is too small for House Doctors," he insists. "It can be expensive to have a handyman service do some chores, but there are ways to be efficient, even with very small chores."

"Whenever I am scheduling a repair call to a home," Collard says, "I always recommend that people make a list and 'gang' their tasks. That way we get a lot of little things done at one time – and that's cost efficient."

But sometimes the task cannot – or should not – wait until the next scheduled trip. That's something else he'll help the homeowner decide.

Who ya gonna call?

Besides tasks the homeowner does not have time or inclination to do alone, there are some tasks the homeowner should not attempt himself, says Collard.

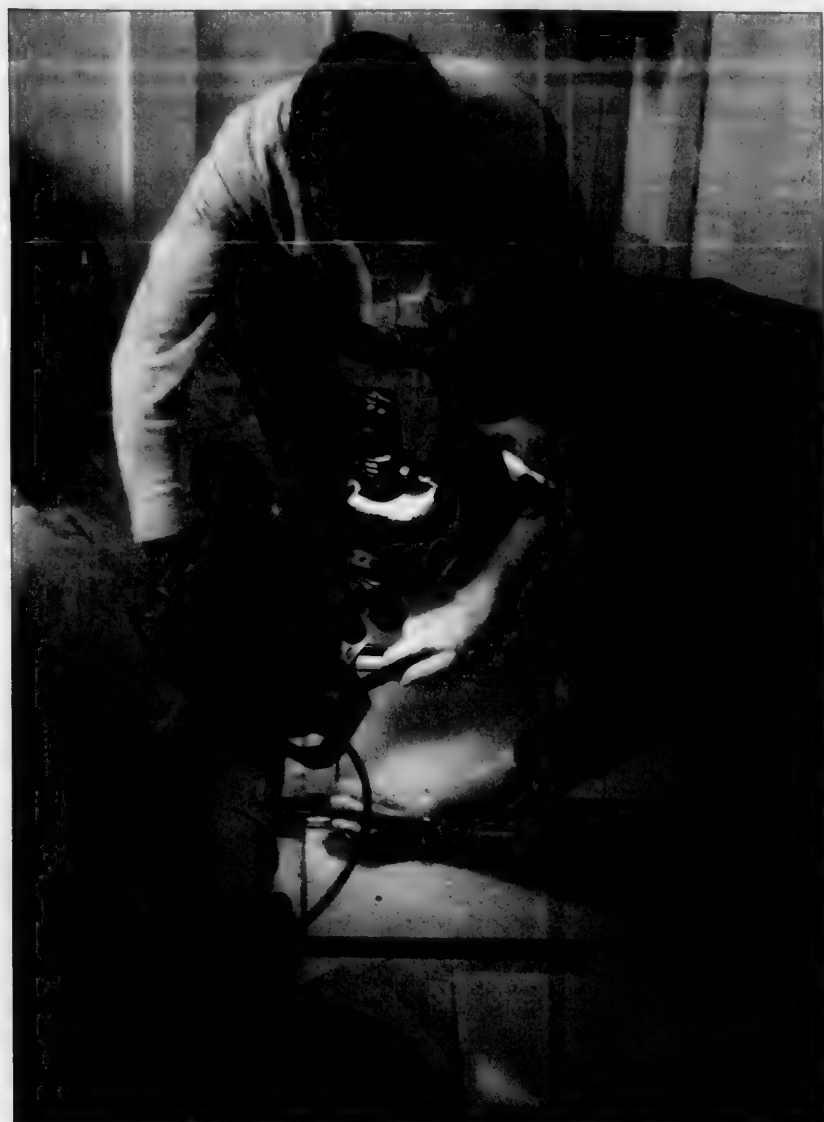
This is true particularly of the licensed trades, electrical and plumbing. State law prohibits homeowners from attempting

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Ed Collard, owner of House Doctors Handyman Services, assembles a furniture kit as part of Comcast channel's *American Builder* series.

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House Doctor shows how on Comcast's 'American Builder'



Ed Collard (center) works with Chrissy Lavoie to assemble a furniture kit, while producer Mark Apostolon videotapes a segment of Comcast channel CN8's *American Builder* for broadcast in February.

■ TOOLBOX

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Other tools Collard recommends that homeowners keep around the house include the following:

- voltage tester
- plunger
- razor-blade holder
- paint brushes for both latex and oil applications.

To this list, carpentry instructor Bill Berard of Greater Lawrence Vocational Technical High School added the following:

ing:

• A "combination square," which looks like a steel "L" with a sliding 12-inch rule attached to it, which helps make sure angles are what they should be.

• A putty knife or two: one with a 1-inch blade for scraping, and another with a 2-1/2-inch blade for spackling plaster.

• A 25-foot grounded power cord with "12-2 grade" wire. Says Berard, "lighter wire will not provide the amperage needed (for a tool such as a power saw) and the tool motor is likely to burn out."

• Glues, particularly carpenter's wood glue, and tapes such as electrician's tape, duct tape and masking tape.

• A nail set, which is designed to punch finish nails just a tad below the wood surface, but can also be used to start the hole for a screw.

Buy the kit?

Many of these tools are found in combination toolkits available at many of the hardware stores. Collard says, "Combo kits are often undersized and made with inferior

materials. A smaller hammer doesn't save that much in cost, and it doesn't give the weight needed for the hammer to do the work."

His advice for buying tools: "Do not choose the cheapest but the best. Go for a recognizable name brand, or sometimes a store brand if it comes with a warranty."

Cordless or wired

One tool feature that is open to discussion is the choice between power cord or battery operation. Proponents of battery-powered tools tout the freedom and ease of use. On the other hand, anyone who has reached for a rechargeable tool only to find that it is not charged when it is needed points to the "always-on" feature of the household wiring. Corded power tools also have tended to deliver more power than batteries could provide.

Power up

Speaking of power tools, the homeowner need not invest in too much beyond an electric drill. The drill is a flexible tool that not only tightens and loosens screws but, with various bits, can do many things - including stirring paint.

Single-purpose or advanced power tools such as table saws and nail guns are expensive and, for anyone but the professional, will rarely be used and in the hands of an amateur could even be dangerous.

The one exception might be the circular saw, says Collard, who finds that, "a handsaw can be hard to control, especially for someone with little experience."

When purchasing a power tool, just as with the hand tools, resist the temptation to buy cheap tools that are not up to the job, Collard says. A professional will bring his own tools, so the homeowner is providing tools exclusively for his own use.

Check it out

Another essential for the home-repair kit, says Collard, is a good book.

Memorial Hall Library lists over 32 titles in the house repair category. Inexpensive handbooks available at most home centers and hardware stores will guide the do-it-yourselfer step-by-step through everything from wallpapering through glazing.

Also good for the ambitious homeowner, says Collard, are house-project courses offered by local technical schools that are designed for homeowners.

The nearest local courses are offered at North Shore Regional Vocational Technical School in Middleton. A beginner's course in "Home Maintenance and Repair" is offered Monday evenings from Jan. 23 through the end of March, and costs under \$150, including fees. (See box on opposite page.)

Tune in

Anyone who enjoys learning from the pros, can catch Collard in *American Builder*, an original series featured on Comcast Cable's CN8 channel.

Besides home repairs, he has built wood decks, installed lighting fixtures, kitchen sinks, stockade fencing, storm doors and both sliding and French doors for the cameras in more than a dozen segments of the show, which is broadcast on channel 3 in Andover, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 to 9 p.m. Reruns of the half-hour program can be seen at 8:30

Easy-to-Moderate House Projects

Projects of average difficulty that Collard says a homeowner can do with the recommended tool chest include the following:

- Toilet - replace ballcock and seal,
- Change faucets of bathroom sink,
- Replace closet rods (dowel) or closet systems,
- Replace hardware on kitchen cabinets,
- Replace drawer slides in kitchen cabinets,
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Price Tag

What's all this going to cost? Not as much as one might think. For a little more than \$200, a homeowner can assemble most of the tools he or she will ever need to tackle small repairs around the house. So it makes little sense to scrimp on costs for tools that will be useful for years with virtually no care other than returning them to the toolbox when their work is done.

Item	Price
Hammer	\$ 20
Screwdriver set	12
Tape measure	4
Crescent wrench set	20
Vise grip wrench	16
Electric drill - with cord	40
(cordless)	(65)
Needlenose pliers	12
Utility knife	6
Allen wrench set	6
Handsaw	11
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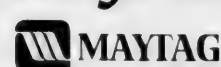
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most of these repairs on their own because of the public safety issues involved.

Other tasks the homeowner should defer to a specialist are any that require specialized skills or more experience. For example, replacing a stair tread is a project of moderate difficulty. Replacing a rotted stringer that carries all the steps is much more complex.

Once the decision to hire help with home maintenance tasks has been made, the homeowner must invest some time in selecting the right firm.

The first thing to do when choosing a contractor is to make certain anyone selected is registered with the state.

The Massachusetts Board of Building Regulations and Standards (BBS) provides many online tools useful in choosing a contractor. To reach the site, visit the state's home page: www.mass.gov. From there, select "residents," and then "housing" and lastly "home improvement" to arrive at a site that offers ways to plan a project, resolve problems or look up a contractor.

The contractor-lookup portion of the site describes which projects and contractors require a license, the specific contractor's license information and the complaint history of specific

contractors. Also at the site is information about a fund that can help recoup disputed funds if homeowners follow the right procedures in dealing with a contractor.

One good piece of advice is to evaluate other factors than cost. If a contractor is saving money by underinsuring himself or his crew, the burden might fall on the homeowner.

What about insurance

According to Susan Petty, insurance agent with Samel Insurance, 15 Central St.,

Andover, the risks of having any uninsured individual do work on a residential property is a risk any homeowner should rethink very carefully.

"If someone is disabled for life, a limit of \$500,000 on your property liability might not be enough," she says.

What to look for? According to Petty, anyone who comes onto private property to do work is a risk for the homeowner. "Look for workmen's compensation and general liability of at least \$1 million," she says.

If that sounds like a lot, says Collard, don't count on being lucky. "That friend or neighbor who gets hurt and suddenly can't work, is going to sue you. And rightly so; he has to now think about providing for his family."

Remember, it doesn't cost a thing to make sure the handyman has the right coverage.

"That friend or neighbor who gets hurt... is going to sue you."

ED COLLARD, HOUSE DOCTORS

Take some advice

How to choose, work a hammer

When choosing a hammer, "pick it up just as though you are shaking hands," says Bill Berard, carpentry instructor at Greater Lawrence Vocational Technical School. "It should feel as though all the weight is at the end."

When aiming at a nail, says Berard, "hold the hammer closer to the end. Don't choke up on the top six inches. Let the hammer do the work it's designed to do."

"Strike the nail by swinging the head. Don't pound it. It's the flying weight of the head that gives the hammer its force."

How to fix a door

"Most people think a 'rubbing' door has to be planed or sanded to correct the problem," says Bill Berard. Here's another approach that he says will often return a door to smooth functioning:

Loosen the wall hinges and shim them with cardboard (or very thin wood such as shingling). Over time, the weight of a door can pull the hinges slightly away from the doorframe.

The nice part of this technique is that it doesn't require repainting most times. It also goes faster and doesn't require as many tools or any advanced skills.

How to find a wall stud

A stud finder is a fancy item that might help in finding a wall stud. But not always, says Bill Berard, carpentry instructor at Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School on River Road in Andover. Stud finders can give off confusing cues.

Here's another way to find a stud:

1. Look at the baseboard for clues of the location. The

baseboards will be nailed to the studs behind them. Baseboards are not nailed to every stud, and sometimes the joints between boards in the baseboard are well concealed. Look for any dent or dimple in the paint.

2. Listen while lightly tapping the wall. A stud will make a dull sound, a thud, while a hollow, drum-like sound indicates that there's nothing behind the wallboard.

Getting serious about home repair?

Homeowners' course at N.S. Regional Voke Tech

North Shore Regional Vocational Technical School District offers several courses in its Adult Education Division, including a 10-week, 30-hour course named "Home Maintenance & Repair."

Designed, according to the school's brochure, for people who want to expand their knowledge of basic home maintenance and repair, the course offers a hands-on approach to teach the basics of construction, electrical, glazing, roof and side-wall shingling, flooring and the proper use of hand tools and fasteners.

The winter 2006 schedule

begins on Monday evening, Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m. Fees include \$128 for the course and a \$10 lab fee.

Other building-trade courses offered by the school include the basics of cabinetry, construction carpentry, electrical, masonry, residential heating systems and subcontracting for homeowners.

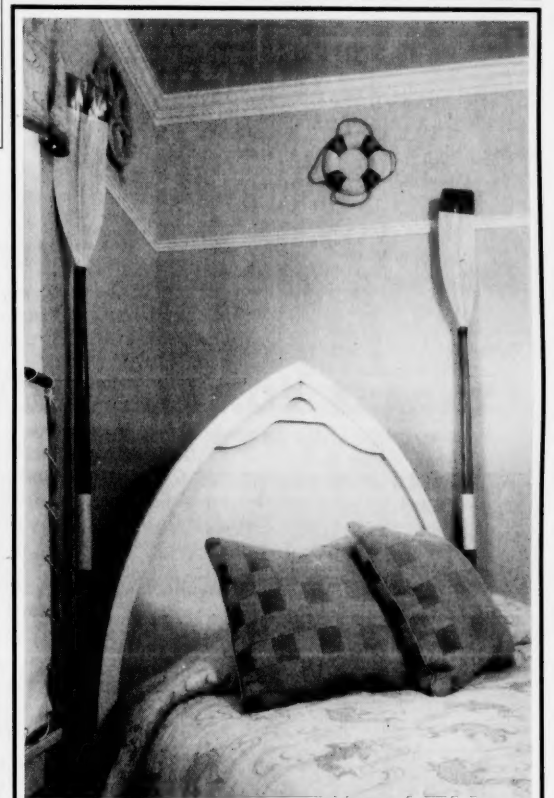
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Five home improvement mistakes homeowners can avoid

(MS) – When deciding on improving their home, many people begin by calculating the improvement's positive effect on their home's value – especially when their short-term or long-term plans include selling the house.

But all improvements are not equal. Here is a list that can help anyone avoid five of the "home-improvement mistakes" homeowners commonly make:

1. **Unrealistic expectations:** Most homeowners assume that a dollar invested in home improvement will add a dollar to home value. By this logic, investing \$20,000 in a new kitchen should increase the home's value by \$20,000, too. Wrong. Expecting dollar-for-dollar returns is a common misconception. Studies reveal that most home improvements yield a lesser percentage of money returned at the time of sale. (Kitchens and baths are on the high end at about 80 percent.) The good news is that the longer the homeowner lives in the home, the more its overall value increases.

2. **Improving before moving:** If the homeowner plans to sell within a year, making a major improvement such as adding a family room, or making over an attic space

can be a mistake. Most improvements don't yield a dollar-for-dollar return in the short run (under two years). The homeowner who is about to enter the housing market should focus on "must improves" that are quick, easy and cheap. Certain high-impact items that are limited in scope might yield a better return. New countertops, cosmetic fixes such as a new mail box and house numbers, or minor landscaping such as new shrubs or trees could even help the house sell faster.

3. **Failure to maintain:**

Concentrate on high-impact fixes that are quick, easy and cheap

Failure to keep up on maintenance can have a direct effect on a home's market value, because a new homeowner expects everything to be in working order. Exterior paint jobs may help increase the "curb appeal" of the house, but don't expect a \$5,000 paint job to translate into a \$5,000 increase in home value. After all, proper maintenance is a part of home ownership. On the other

hand, failure to maintain the property will usually reduce a home's sale value by the actual cost to repair any damage or implement necessary maintenance. Think of maintenance improvements as a way to prevent the home's value from going down.

4. **"Over-improving":** Before committing to any big projects, ask, "Is this three-car garage or pool out of character for the immediate neighborhood?" If the answer is yes, the house may acquire a status as an oddity. Improving a house beyond and unlike the entire neighborhood that surrounds it, makes it very unlikely to realize full value when it comes time to sell.

5. **Not knowing home values:** Looking at comparable homes and neighborhood sales provides the best idea of a home's value. The price at which a neighboring house with certain home improvements sold can also give insight into the payback potential of those kinds of improvements. You can look at exact home sale prices online and keep track of values in your neighborhood by visiting www.domania.com.



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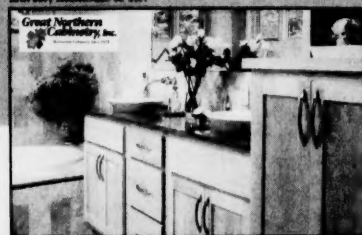
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Ten tips for tackling remodeling projects

Television's Danny Lipford offers down-to-earth advice for remodelers

(MS) - How does someone find a contractor? Where should people invest limited remodeling dollars? What building materials are the best to use? These remodeling questions haunt many homeowners and cause sleepless nights.

Remodeler Danny Lipford, host of the television show, *Today's Homeowner*, and resident home-improvement expert on *The Weather Channel* and *The CBS Early Show*, has identified 10 easy steps to tackling home improvement projects.

"Remodeling your home should be an exciting venture, not a trek through alligator-infested waters," says Lipford, who has operated his Alabama-based remodeling company for more than 20 years.

"Knowledge is powerful," he says. "Understanding how contractors work, and especially how you can work as a team with your contractor, is your best step toward having a successful start-to-finish remodeling project."

Based on his extensive remodeling work Lipford has identified the following tips for homeowners who are overseeing either large or small remodeling projects.

Tip No. 1 - Spend more time checking out your contractor than your countertops.

The most critical factor in any remodel is the contractor. Without him or her, nothing happens. First, check out whether the candidates have current licenses and insurance (worker's compensation and liability), and how reputable they are in business. Next, talk to several past clients (from a list of at least 10) and look at their work. Include one job that is several years old and another that is currently being worked on. Finally, says Lipford, "Make

sure you are comfortable with how this person works with you. Does he or she answer your questions? Pay attention to details? Listen to your wants and concerns?"

Tip No. 2 - Don't take the lowest bid.

It's tempting to go for the lowest price, but this isn't like shopping for an item online or in a store. Every contractor offers a different level of service and skill. In most cases, the lowest bidder is offering the lowest level of these key ingredients - not sufficient for many homeowners when the inevitable complications start piling up.

Tip No. 3 - Don't bite off more than you can chew at one time. "To maintain both your finances and your sanity," says Lipford, "don't try to turn your dreams into reality all at once. Stage your project by deciding which things you need to correct first in your house - it may not always be the fun stuff like redoing a kitchen or creating a master bath." Start with projects that involve the structure, including basics such as windows and major systems; and then move on to updating finishes.

Tip No. 4 - Don't cheap out on what's inside the walls, roof and floors.

The finishes are what you'll be showing off to friends and neighbors, but it's the structure, insulation, and electrical, plumbing, and heating/cooling systems that make the home safe and comfortable long after the finishes wear out. Spend the extra dollar here, and everything else works better. It is very expensive to go back and correct mistakes later.

Tip No. 5 - Invest in windows and doors - you won't

regret it. Windows and exterior doors can be a big part of your remodeling budget, but they aren't the place to cut costs. When researching window options, for instance, look for the brands with the best energy efficiency and lowest maintenance possible. A good example to look for are quality vinyl windows that can be used in any climate and can be ordered with Energy Star approval. For both doors and windows, pay attention to how well they operate, how they seal to the weather, and the quality of the hardware used.

Tip No. 6 - Plan on spending at least 15 percent more than the contract price. The final bill always costs more than the estimate. Why? Undiscovered surprises and the "While we're at it ..." decisions. There's not much anyone can do about the former - it isn't always possible to know that there's an electrical line running through the wall where an opening was planned - and the latter is laced with both good opportunity and overspending danger.

Tip No. 7 - Get some design help early on with floor plans. The key to how well the remodeled home will "live" is the new floor plan. There are lots of standards that need to be applied that will help size rooms effectively and create a traffic flow that works. Contractors who work with designers (design-build firms) are a great source for this information. So are independent designers, who sometimes set up their own offices, but more typically work with a kitchen and bath showroom or even home centers. Architects, though more expensive, should be considered when considering major changes to a home.

Tip No. 8 - Consider non-tra-

ditional materials - they're often better.

Many of today's look-alike materials have been engineered to be better than what they replace. Medium- and high-density fiberboard (MDF and HDF), for instance, are stable, dense substrates used in the best cabinets, furniture, and flooring. Interior trim such as moldings, wall niches and ceiling medallions are another example. Urethane pieces, like those from Fypon, are lighter in weight and less expensive than plaster, and aren't affected by moisture or insects as are the same products available in wood.

Tip No. 9 - Choose classic for a finished look that will last. It's fun to create a kitchen with the latest look, but if you limit the trendiest elements to easily-replaceable finishes, it will be easier and less expensive to update in the future. Better yet, use classic materials, styles, and colors throughout the room and updating won't be a topic anytime soon.

Tip No. 10 - Never let the payments get ahead of the work. Contractors, like anyone in business, are anxious to please their customers in order to secure the next payment. It's important to keep this leverage so the contractor's attention doesn't wan-



Investing in energy-efficient windows while remodeling will help lower long-term heating and cooling bills.

der. (People should remember that they are competing with the contractor's other clients to a certain degree.) Always withhold 10 to 15 percent of the job cost at the end of the remodel to make sure the contractor completes everything to one's satisfaction.

For more on remodeling projects, products and ideas, visit Danny Lipford's Web site: www.dannylipford.com.



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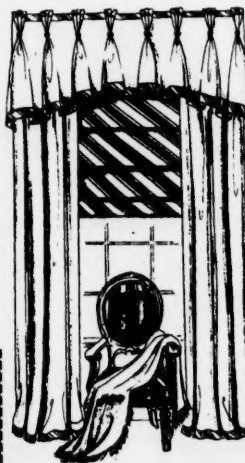
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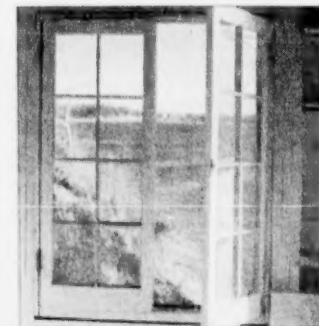
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Open the door on Arts and Crafts style

(MS) – Bungalows, which emerged in the early 1900s, are a classic staple of American architecture, distinguished by their low profile. They provide structural simplicity, understated, straightforward style, solid construction and uncomplicated design – all hallmarks of the design school made famous by Frank Lloyd Wright.

An ever-popular style that is enjoying a resurgence of appreciation, the Arts and Crafts style can be brought to many homes' exteriors and interiors.

Exterior options

Like many housing trends, this one starts at the front door. With changes to entry doors and architectural accents, any home can acquire a new, but classic, look.

"In any home, the front entry door makes a clear statement to all who enter. It is a part of the house that is not only viewed as one approaches, but is also seen up close, where its quality can be appreciated," says Wayne Zuschlag, architect and founder of the firm Architecture Chicago.

This important architectural feature is being brought back to life by Therma-Tru Doors, whose new collections reflect

the traditional Arts and Crafts style.

The American Style door by Therma-Tru Doors (in photo at left) is designed with a vertical groove, straight graining, clean and simple lines, square wood edges, a wide, full-length lock block, and decorative sidelight options.

One difference with a modern reproduction door like this is that it won't rot or peel like real wood. It also requires minimal maintenance and provides excellent thermal protection all year long.

"With an entry door, it is not just the appearance that counts," says Zuschlag. "A door is something you touch. The way this door feels and the way it sounds, speaks of the craftsmanship embodied within."

Another feature of Arts and Crafts style is a front porch along the full width of the home, with right-angled, square columns that broaden at the base, and black nickel hardware and fixtures.

The return of the front porch is one of America's hottest housing trends. More homes today are being built with front porches than ever before. Since the visual planes of this style are always angular, adding an Arts-

and-Crafts-style porch to a home will depend on the home's current exterior style, window designs and landscaping.

Other decorative accents on the exterior include mission-style furnishings or Adirondack chairs, warm colors for decorative fabrics and cushions, lights, a railing and natural prairie plants.

When building a new home that incorporates the Arts and Crafts style into the architecture, consider low roof pitches with wide eaves and exposed roof rafters, clean gables, and the use of natural materials like wood and stone. Other external elements include split wood shingles, shake siding, exposed wood beams, arched doorways, brick, stone, slate, stucco and clapboard. Door knockers, kick plates, lighting and house numbers should all be coordinated in the same metal finish for a clean, uncluttered look.

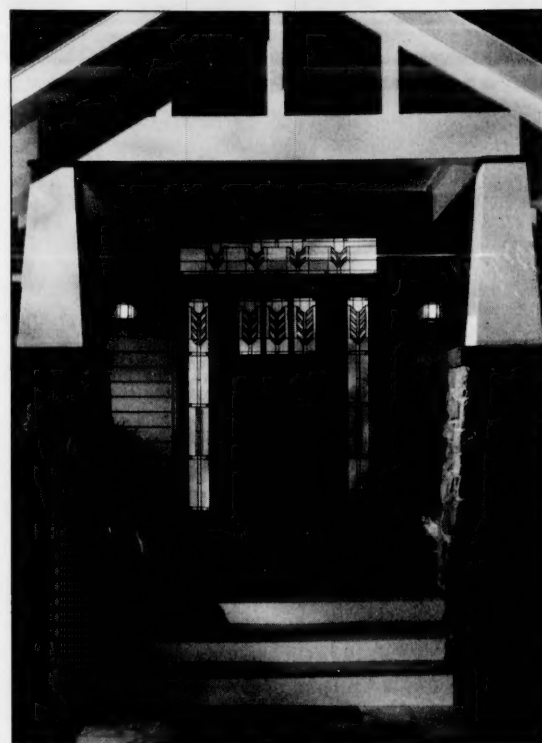
Interior options

In addition to the more visible and familiar exterior Arts-and-Crafts-style features, there are also easy ways to incorpo-

rate this look inside the home. The primary inspiration is nature and the use of simple materials to design and construct craft traditions.

When applied to furnishings, the Arts and Crafts style demands simplicity, quality, straight lines and ease of use. Coffee tables, chairs, bureaus, desks and hutches made of wood, unadorned, with the exception of dark metal hardware and panels that include squares or rectangles, will match most décors. The fireplace is also the center of the home, often framed by symmetrical bookshelves or even benches and high-beamed ceilings.

In addition to stand-alone pieces, Arts-and-Crafts bungalows typically feature built-in bookcases, cabinets and seating to help provide an open, uncluttered and well-organized look to the home – essential characteristics of the Arts and Crafts approach. Wood frames, baskets and earth-toned pottery accent the style beautifully, along with neutral linen or cotton window treatments.



The Arts and Crafts style is an American classic that is still desirable a century after its debuted in the Midwest.

10 ways to a low maintenance home

(MS) – Hectic schedules, long work hours and business travel leave little time for homeowners to keep up with the reg-

ular maintenance needed to care for a home. During the past several decades, an abundance of products have been introduced

that reduce the hassles and time-consuming efforts needed to keep a home in top shape.

According to a survey of customer preferences conducted by the National Association of Home Builders, low maintenance figures prominently into building product purchase decisions. In the report *What 21st Century Home Buyers Want*, low maintenance ranked as the second-highest reason for selecting wall materials for the front exterior of the home, and the primary reason for choosing wall materials for the other three sides of the home. In the survey, low maintenance brick and vinyl sidings were the most requested choices for siding.

According to Don Zeman, host of the home improvement radio show, *Homefront with Don Zeman*, "Homeowners today are more conscious of low maintenance materials." Zeman offers 10 ways homeowners can make their homes easier to maintain.

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Project 3 – When it's time to re-side the house, invest in vinyl siding with insulator boards behind them to create the most energy-efficient and low maintenance exterior possible. Visit www.vinylsiding.org to locate certified vinyl siding products

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Project 4 – Forget about hanging shades or blinds in areas of the home where privacy is desired. Instead, install obscure acrylic block windows that guarantee privacy. Both the blocks and vinyl frames are easy to maintain with mild soap and water. Acrylic block windows come in operable casement and awning styles along with large, fixed picture windows – ideal for use in the bathroom.

Project 5 – When ordering windows, request the tilt-in sash option, which eliminates the need to clean the outside of the windows by standing on a ladder.

Project 6 – Add style and ease of maintenance with fiberglass columns. Available in both round and square profiles, the columns are insect-, weather- and decay-resistant so they can be used both for interior and exterior applications.

Project 7 – Install moisture resistant urethane moldings and decorative millwork in humid areas of the home, such as bathrooms and kitchens. No matter how much steam is produced, these products won't warp like wood moldings.

Project 8 – Replace existing windows with low-maintenance vinyl framed windows. Easy to clean with mild detergent and water, windows with vinyl frames never need to be stripped and replaced. And vinyl is an excellent insulator.

Project 9 – Invest in a solid-surface countertop for your kitchen. This man-made material can have the look and feel of stone or marble while most are seamless and resist stains, chemicals and scratches.

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